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## Important Monthly Indicators

| INDUSTRIALS | May 1955 | May 1954 | Apr. 1955 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Anthracite Production (net tons).....* | 1,861 | 1,877 | 1,640 |
| Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....* | 38,840 | 29,198 | 34,700 |
| Construction Contracts ($).....* | 2,185,065 | 1,925,253 | 2,322,085 |
| Copper Production ref. (net tons)..... | 135,042 | 108,723 | 122,129 |
| Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons)..... | 124,853 | 111,005 | 119,863 |
| Industrial Production (FRB)1947-49=100 | 138.0 | 125.0 | 136.0 |
| Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100 | 104.1 | 100.2 | 103.7 |
| Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100 | 149.7 | 134.6 | 146.5 |
| Newsprint Production (net tons)..... | 654,809 | 595,502 | 639,544 |
| Newsprint Shipments (net tons)..... | 656,093 | 597,888 | 661,614 |
| Pig Iron Production (net tons).....* | 6,805 | 4,624 | 6,385 |
| Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds)..... | 71,600 | 58,300 | 77,500 |
| Rubber Consumption (long tons)..... | 130,411 | 103,990 | 124,682 |
| Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....* | 10,331 | 7,473 | 9,815 |
| Zinc Production (net tons)..... | 86,177 | 73,654 | 83,786 |
| Zinc Shipments (net tons)..... | 83,336 | 61,859 | 89,589 |
| | **Apr. 1955** | **Apr. 1954** | **Mar. 1955** |
| Coke Production (net tons).....* | 6,136 | 4,693 | 6,236 |
| Cotton Consumption (bales)..... | 696,354 | 659,300 | 892,892 |
| Electricity Production (kw-hours).....† | 48,376 | 42,857 | 51,153 |
| Lead Production prim. (net tons)..... | 50,274 | 46,730 | 50,308 |
| Lead Shipments prim. (net tons)..... | 44,878 | 47,161 | 42,381 |
| Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units).. | 881,840 | 631,769 | 894,597 |
| Tires - Production (units).....* | 9,153 | 8,065 | 10,083 |
| Tires - Shipments (units).....* | 9,937 | 8,243 | 9,907 |
| Wool Consumption (pounds).....* | ..... | 34,700 | 37,400 |
| | **Mar. 1955** | **Mar. 1954** | **Feb. 1955** |
| Cement Production (barrels).....* | 22,409 | 20,097 | 17,612 |
| Cement Shipments (barrels).....* | 22,604 | 18,751 | 13,805 |
| Cigarette Production (units).....† | 33,365 | 32,301 | 28,493 |
| Gasoline Production (barrels).....* | 109,838 | 104,612 | 102,342 |
| Petroleum Production (barrels).....* | 213,454 | 201,702 | 191,392 |
| Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....* | 228,594 | 214,620 | 211,365 |

| FINANCIALS | May 1955 | May 1954 | Apr. 1955 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bank Debits, Total U. S. ($).....† | 167,710 | 149,812 | 158,289 |
| Bank Debits, N. Y. C. ($).....† | 62,211 | 59,535 | 57,634 |
| Bank Debits, Outside N.Y.C. ($).....† | 105,498 | 90,277 | 100,655 |
| Bond Sales, N.Y. Stock Ex. ($).....* | 76,572 | 73,779 | 80,570 |
| Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. ($).....* | 3,930 | 1,800 | 1,920 |
| Bond Sales, Municipal ($).....* | 329,489 | 782,572 | 414,532 |
| Fire Losses ($).....* | 71,789 | 62,282 | 78,632 |
| Life Insurance Sales ($).....† | 3,612 | 3,338 | 5,617 |
| Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares)..* | 45,427 | 41,913 | 53,788 |
| Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares)...* | 15,500 | 10,720 | 17,470 |
| | **Apr. 1955** | **Apr. 1954** | **Mar. 1955** |
| Merchandise Exports U. S. ($).....* | 1,262,000 | 1,425,600 | 1,342,300 |
| Merchandise Imports U. S. ($).....* | 857,000 | 957,300 | 1,018,500 |
| Railway Earnings, Gross ($).....* | 795,972 | 602,164 | 825,160 |
| Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. ($)....* | 87,377 | 59,614 | 97,733 |
| Retail Sales ($).....† | 15,600 | 14,300 | 14,700 |
| Wholesale Sales ($).....† | 9,200 | 8,800 | 9,700 |
| Manufacturing Sales ($).....† | 26,400 | 24,000 | 27,600 |
| Retail Inventories ($).....† | 23,600 | 23,400 | 23,500 |
| Wholesale Inventories ($).....† | 11,600 | 11,600 | 11,600 |
| Manufacturing Inventories ($).....† | 43,300 | 44,500 | 43,500 |

(*) 000 Omitted. (†) 000,000 Omitted.

## Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—May 1955 and 1954

(Thousands of dollars)

| | MAY 1955 | MAY 1954 | % Change | APR. 1955 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston..... | 2,697,716 | 2,405,579 | + 12.1 | 2,607,482 |
| Philadelphia..... | 4,992,000 | 4,451,000 | + 12.2 | 4,873,000 |
| Buffalo..... | 548,302 | 463,271 | + 18.4 | 524,764 |
| Pittsburgh..... | 1,829,991 | 1,507,478 | + 20.7 | 1,626,762 |
| Cleveland..... | 2,125,198 | 1,776,011 | + 19.7 | 2,057,408 |
| Cincinnati..... | 1,125,749 | 949,537 | + 18.6 | 1,059,028 |
| Baltimore..... | 1,434,042 | 1,297,720 | + 10.5 | 1,344,912 |
| Richmond..... | 768,771 | 653,272 | + 17.7 | 710,116 |
| Atlanta..... | 1,542,100 | 1,323,400 | + 16.5 | 1,480,600 |
| New Orleans..... | 816,835 | 679,284 | + 20.2 | 744,582 |
| Memphis..... | 493,190 | 475,805 | + 3.7 | 502,243 |
| Chicago..... | 4,663,799 | 3,927,207 | + 18.8 | 4,230,332 |
| Detroit..... | 3,123,952 | 2,455,316 | + 27.2 | 2,897,964 |
| St. Louis..... | 1,504,080 | 1,325,423 | + 13.5 | 1,438,726 |
| Louisville..... | 790,947 | 649,609 | + 21.8 | 727,892 |
| Minneapolis..... | 1,490,694 | 1,316,289 | + 13.3 | 1,404,331 |
| Kansas City..... | 1,634,283 | 1,416,189 | + 15.4 | 1,619,399 |
| Omaha..... | 643,098 | 645,946 | - 0.4 | 615,255 |
| Denver..... | 733,682 | 567,108 | + 29.4 | 655,890 |
| Dallas..... | 1,846,349 | 1,521,099 | + 21.4 | 1,739,153 |
| Houston..... | 1,603,855 | 1,349,422 | + 18.9 | 1,473,758 |
| Los Angeles..... | 3,469,600 | 2,800,237 | + 23.9 | 3,501,137 |
| San Francisco..... | 2,563,834 | 2,052,870 | + 24.9 | 2,552,730 |
| Portland, Ore..... | 709,779 | 665,172 | + 6.7 | 759,996 |
| Seattle..... | 796,047 | 661,426 | + 20.4 | 739,307 |
| Total 25 Cities..... | 43,948,093 | 37,335,670 | + 17.7 | 41,886,767 |
| New York..... | 42,099,029 | 42,435,193 | - 0.8 | 41,672,641 |
| Total 26 Cities..... | 86,047,122 | 79,770,863 | + 7.9 | 83,559,408 |

## Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—5 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

| | 5 MONTHS 1955 | 5 MONTHS 1954 | % Change | 5 MONTHS 1953 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston..... | 13,336,551 | 12,391,744 | + 7.6 | 12,373,559 |
| Philadelphia..... | 24,701,000 | 23,176,000 | + 6.6 | 23,151,000 |
| Buffalo..... | 2,700,574 | 2,449,197 | + 10.3 | 2,502,969 |
| Pittsburgh..... | 8,384,036 | 7,849,309 | + 6.8 | 8,336,776 |
| Cleveland..... | 10,189,313 | 9,321,948 | + 9.3 | 9,767,898 |
| Cincinnati..... | 5,424,800 | 5,174,228 | + 4.8 | 5,127,720 |
| Baltimore..... | 6,866,883 | 6,314,816 | + 8.7 | 6,291,801 |
| Richmond..... | 3,726,460 | 3,465,937 | + 7.5 | 3,586,328 |
| Atlanta..... | 7,435,900 | 6,657,500 | + 11.7 | 6,745,100 |
| New Orleans..... | 3,870,617 | 3,574,280 | + 8.3 | 3,427,710 |
| Memphis..... | 2,542,055 | 2,427,400 | + 4.7 | 2,445,741 |
| Chicago..... | 21,494,294 | 19,615,817 | + 9.6 | 20,012,938 |
| Detroit, Mich..... | 14,643,593 | 12,872,796 | + 13.8 | 13,442,483 |
| St. Louis..... | 7,410,834 | 7,018,259 | + 5.6 | 6,826,669 |
| Louisville..... | 3,855,176 | 3,528,171 | + 9.3 | 3,589,435 |
| Minneapolis..... | 7,160,981 | 6,753,676 | + 6.0 | 6,424,314 |
| Kansas City..... | 8,116,743 | 7,436,775 | + 9.1 | 7,617,768 |
| Omaha..... | 3,157,170 | 3,341,456 | - 5.5 | 3,182,525 |
| Denver..... | 3,380,352 | 2,978,579 | + 13.5 | 2,944,506 |
| Dallas..... | 8,795,025 | 7,899,812 | + 11.3 | 7,631,463 |
| Houston..... | 7,637,868 | 6,777,660 | + 12.7 | 6,781,972 |
| Los Angeles..... | 17,318,612 | 14,870,893 | + 16.5 | 14,540,089 |
| San Francisco..... | 12,543,612 | 11,004,071 | + 14.0 | 11,288,666 |
| Portland, Ore..... | 3,612,741 | 3,218,683 | + 12.2 | 3,533,387 |
| Seattle..... | 3,776,529 | 3,366,503 | + 12.2 | 3,405,716 |
| Total 25 Cities..... | 212,081,719 | 193,485,510 | + 9.6 | 194,978,533 |
| New York..... | 220,824,634 | 217,060,161 | + 1.7 | 191,531,548 |
| Total 26 Cities..... | 432,906,353 | 410,545,671 | + 5.4 | 386,510,081 |

## Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1952 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

| | Total 26 United States Cities 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | New York City 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C. 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January..... | 87,462 | 80,946 | 79,037 | 78,356 | 45,004 | 42,599 | 39,082 | 39,160 | 42,458 | 38,347 | 39,955 | 39,196 |
| February..... | 80,589 | 76,130 | 68,623 | 69,594 | 42,646 | 40,866 | 33,899 | 34,684 | 37,943 | 35,264 | 34,724 | 34,910 |
| March..... | 95,249 | 90,883 | 83,913 | 76,125 | 49,403 | 47,723 | 41,689 | 38,783 | 45,846 | 43,160 | 42,224 | 37,342 |
| April..... | 83,559 | 82,815 | 79,149 | 76,964 | 41,673 | 43,437 | 39,190 | 39,943 | 41,887 | 39,378 | 39,959 | 37,021 |
| May..... | 86,047 | 79,771 | 75,787 | 73,283 | 42,099 | 42,435 | 37,671 | 37,109 | 43,948 | 37,336 | 38,116 | 36,174 |
| June..... | ..... | 89,211 | 82,121 | 78,589 | ..... | 47,566 | 41,717 | 41,023 | ..... | 41,645 | 40,404 | 37,566 |
| July..... | ..... | 83,729 | 80,394 | 78,962 | ..... | 44,207 | 39,930 | 41,509 | ..... | 39,522 | 40,464 | 37,453 |
| August..... | ..... | 82,817 | 71,871 | 67,369 | ..... | 43,345 | 34,435 | 32,933 | ..... | 39,472 | 37,456 | 34,436 |
| September..... | ..... | 80,283 | 77,912 | 75,613 | ..... | 40,710 | 39,003 | 37,032 | ..... | 39,573 | 38,909 | 38,581 |
| October..... | ..... | 83,176 | 80,716 | 83,132 | ..... | 43,134 | 39,967 | 41,383 | ..... | 40,042 | 40,749 | 41,749 |
| November..... | ..... | 84,476 | 75,948 | 69,304 | ..... | 43,079 | 37,535 | 33,241 | ..... | 41,397 | 38,413 | 36,063 |
| December..... | ..... | 98,823 | 88,142 | 87,897 | ..... | 52,928 | 46,171 | 44,924 | ..... | 45,895 | 41,971 | 42,973 |
| Total..... | ..... | 1,013,060 | 943,613 | 915,188 | ..... | 532,029 | 470,289 | 461,724 | ..... | 481,031 | 473,324 | 453,464 |

## Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1952 to Date

| | Number of Failures 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | Current Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | Total Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January..... | 939 | 867 | 647 | 671 | $37,872 | $29,592 | $23,309 | $26,208 | $39,000 | $29,906 | $23,760 | $26,300 |
| February..... | 877 | 926 | 691 | 619 | 42,056 | 47,774 | 27,273 | 19,474 | 42,194 | 47,909 | 27,525 | 19,624 |
| March..... | 1,038 | 1,102 | 739 | 715 | 41,209 | 57,280 | 31,082 | 29,232 | 41,289 | 57,746 | 31,584 | 29,387 |
| April..... | 903 | 975 | 693 | 780 | 35,968 | 42,512 | 27,520 | 29,530 | 36,299 | 43,160 | 28,152 | 30,285 |
| May..... | 955 | 943 | 697 | 638 | 34,714 | 38,494 | 32,789 | 21,193 | 34,840 | 39,068 | 33,032 | 21,209 |
| June..... | ... | 965 | 817 | 671 | ..... | 41,613 | 32,379 | 21,222 | ..... | 41,615 | 32,454 | 21,537 |
| July..... | ... | 856 | 724 | 580 | ..... | 32,230 | 39,830 | 22,789 | ..... | 32,725 | 40,334 | 22,973 |
| August..... | ... | 912 | 700 | 594 | ..... | 32,582 | 28,529 | 16,322 | ..... | 32,712 | 30,194 | 16,672 |
| September..... | ... | 819 | 686 | 539 | ..... | 36,381 | 33,817 | 20,138 | ..... | 37,757 | 34,050 | 20,178 |
| October..... | ... | 871 | 840 | 631 | ..... | 29,000 | 37,076 | 35,049 | ..... | 29,308 | 37,298 | 35,299 |
| November..... | ... | 933 | 815 | 590 | ..... | 35,067 | 36,795 | 18,757 | ..... | 36,780 | 36,996 | 18,859 |
| December..... | ... | 917 | 813 | 583 | ..... | 40,103 | 43,754 | 23,400 | ..... | 40,925 | 45,088 | 23,775 |
| Total..... | ... | 11,086 | 8,862 | 7,611 | ..... | $462,628 | $394,153 | $283,314 | ..... | $469,611 | $400,467 | $286,098 |

## United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

| Group: | May 1955 | Apr. 1955 | Mar. 1955 | May 1954 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALL COMMODITIES | 109.9 | 110.5 | 110.0 | 110.9 |
| Farm Products | 91.3 | 94.2 | 92.1 | 97.9 |
| Processed Foods | 102.1 | 102.5 | 101.6 | 106.8 |
| All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods | 115.5 | 115.7 | 115.6 | 114.5 |
| Textile Products and Apparel | 95.0 | 95.0 | 95.3 | 94.8 |
| Hides, Skins & Leather Products | 93.2 | 93.2 | 92.2 | 96.0 |
| Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials | 107.2 | 107.4 | 108.5 | 108.2 |
| Chemicals and Allied Products | 106.8 | 107.1 | 106.8 | 107.1 |
| Metals and Metal Products | 132.5 | 132.9 | 131.9 | 127.1 |
| Machinery and Motive Products | 126.6 | 126.3 | 126.1 | 124.4 |
| Furniture, Other Household Durables | 115.1 | 115.1 | 115.1 | 115.5 |
| Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural | 123.2 | 122.3 | 121.9 | 119.3 |
| Rubber and Products | 138.0 | 138.3 | 138.0 | 125.1 |
| Lumber and Products | 123.2 | 122.4 | 121.4 | 116.1 |
| Pulp, Paper and Allied Products | 117.4 | 117.4 | 116.8 | 115.8 |
| Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottle Beverages | 121.6 | 121.6 | 121.6 | 121.4 |
| Miscellaneous | 91.3 | 94.0 | 95.6 | 109.2 |

## United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

| Group: | May 1955 | Apr. 1955 | Mar. 1955 | May 1954 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALL ITEMS | 114.2 | 114.2 | 114.3 | 115.0 |
| Food | 111.1 | 111.2 | 110.8 | 113.3 |
| Housing | 119.4 | 119.5 | 119.6 | 118.9 |
| Apparel | 103.3 | 103.1 | 103.2 | 104.2 |
| Transportation | 125.5 | 125.3 | 127.3 | 129.1 |
| Medical Care | 127.5 | 127.3 | 127.0 | 125.1 |
| Personal Care | 113.9 | 113.7 | 113.5 | 113.0 |
| Reading and Recreation | 106.6 | 106.6 | 106.6 | 106.4 |
| Other Goods and Services | 119.9 | 119.8 | 119.8 | 120.1 |

## United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

| | Base Year | Apr. 1955 | Mar. 1955 | Feb. 1955 | Jan. 1955 | Apr. 1954 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U. S. (B. L. S.) | 1947-49 | 110.5 | 110.0 | 110.4 | 110.1 | 111.0 |
| Canada | 1935-39 | 218.5 | 217.4 | 217.4 | 215.7 | 218.0 |
| Austria | 1948 | 258.0 | 258.0 | 258.0 | 260.0 | 242.0 |
| Denmark | 1948 | 138.0 | 138.0 | 136.0 | 137.0 | 134.0 |
| Finland | 1948 | 157.0 | 156.0 | 156.0 | 155.0 | 159.0 |
| France | 1949 | 135.0 | 135.0 | 135.0 | 136.0 | 137.0 |
| Greece | 1950 | 163.0 | 162.0 | 162.0 | 164.0 | 157.0 |
| Guatemala | 1948 | 113.0 | 111.0 | 109.0 | 112.0 | 118.0 |
| India | 1948 | 94.0 | 96.0 | 98.0 | 99.0 | 110.0 |
| Mexico | 1948 | 186.0 | 184.0 | 180.0 | 178.0 | 158.0 |
| Norway | 1948 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 154.0 | 154.0 |
| Sweden | 1948 | 143.0 | 142.0 | 141.0 | 140.0 | 139.0 |
| Switzerland | 1948 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 99.0 |
| U. K. (Bd. of Tr.) | 1948 | 152.0 | 153.0 | 154.0 | 154.0 | 150.0 |

| | | Mar. 1955 | Feb. 1955 | Jan. 1955 | Dec. 1954 | Mar. 1954 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australia | 1948 | .... | 189.0 | 186.0 | 186.0 | 186.0 |
| Belgium | 1948 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 106.0 | 105.0 |
| Brazil | 1948 | .... | 267.0 | 265.0 | 259.0 | 230.0 |
| Costa Rica | 1948 | .... | 104.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 102.0 |
| Cuba | Aug. 1952 | .... | .... | .... | 91.0 | 94.0 |
| Dominican Republic | 1948 | 89.0 | 91.0 | 89.0 | 90.0 | 88.0 |
| Germany | 1948 | 112.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 110.0 | 109.0 |
| Italy | 1948 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 |
| Japan | 1948 | 270.0 | 270.0 | 269.0 | 268.0 | 281.0 |
| Lebanon | 1948 | .... | 72.0 | 72.0 | 72.0 | 72.0 |
| Morocco, Fr. | 1948 | 142.0 | 141.0 | 143.0 | 141.0 | 137.0 |
| Netherlands | 1948 | 136.0 | 137.0 | 138.0 | 136.0 | 135.0 |
| Peru | 1948 | .... | 235.0 | 234.0 | 234.0 | 220.0 |
| Philippines | 1949 | 91.0 | 91.0 | 92.0 | 93.0 | 92.0 |
| Portugal | 1948 | 110.0 | 110.0 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 111.0 |
| Spain | 1948 | .... | 179.0 | 180.0 | 181.0 | 178.0 |
| Turkey | 1948 | .... | 125.0 | 123.0 | 121.0 | 117.0 |
| Union South Africa | 1948 | 154.0 | 153.0 | 151.0 | 151.0 | 149.0 |
| Venezuela | 1948 | .... | 100.0 | 101.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

## Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1952 to Date

| 1955 | | 1954 | | 1953 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 4 | $6.75 | Jan. 5 | $6.85 | Jan. 6 | $6.23 |
| Jan. 11 | 6.81 | Jan. 12 | 7.03 | Jan. 13 | 6.25 |
| Jan. 18 | 6.84 | Jan. 19 | 6.96 | Jan. 20 | 6.25 |
| Jan. 25 | 6.88 | Jan. 26 | 7.02 | Jan. 27 | 6.22 |
| Feb. 1 | 6.85 | Feb. 2 | 7.01 | Feb. 3 | 6.13 |
| Feb. 8 | 6.77 | Feb. 9 | 7.09 | Feb. 10 | 6.19 |
| Feb. 15 | 6.69 | Feb. 16 | 7.11 | Feb. 17 | 6.20 |
| Feb. 22 | 6.65 | Feb. 23 | 7.20 | Feb. 24 | 6.21 |
| Mar. 1 | 6.63 | Mar. 2 | 7.21 | Mar. 3 | 6.28 |
| Mar. 8 | 6.55 | Mar. 9 | 7.25 | Mar. 10 | 6.28 |
| Mar. 15 | 6.53 | Mar. 16 | 7.27 | Mar. 17 | 6.42 |
| Mar. 22 | 6.55 | Mar. 23 | 7.34 | Mar. 24 | 6.41 |
| Mar. 29 | 6.52 | Mar. 30 | 7.42 | Mar. 31 | 6.32 |
| Apr. 5 | 6.49 | Apr. 6 | 7.40 | Apr. 7 | 6.32 |
| Apr. 12 | 6.54 | Apr. 13 | 7.35 | Apr. 14 | 6.35 |
| Apr. 19 | 6.52 | Apr. 20 | 7.41 | Apr. 21 | 6.38 |
| Apr. 26 | 6.42 | Apr. 27 | 7.39 | Apr. 28 | 6.42 |
| May 3 | 6.38 | May 4 | 7.38 | May 5 | 6.43 |
| May 10 | 6.39 | May 11 | 7.31 | May 12 | 6.42 |
| May 17 | 6.37 | May 18 | 7.39 | May 19 | 6.47 |
| May 24 | 6.34 | May 25 | 7.46 | May 26 | 6.47 |
| May 31 | 6.33 | June 1 | 7.38 | June 2 | 6.56 |
| June 7 | 6.39 | June 8 | 7.36 | June 9 | 6.54 |
| June 14 | 6.51 | June 15 | 7.23 | June 16 | 6.51 |
| June 21 | 6.49 | June 22 | 7.28 | June 23 | 6.57 |
| June 28 | .... | June 29 | 7.30 | June 30 | 6.54 |
| July 5 | .... | July 6 | 7.22 | July 7 | 6.62 |
| July 12 | .... | July 13 | 7.23 | July 14 | 6.74 |
| July 19 | .... | July 20 | 7.23 | July 21 | 6.75 |
| July 26 | .... | July 27 | 7.14 | July 28 | 6.70 |
| Aug. 2 | .... | Aug. 3 | 7.10 | Aug. 4 | 6.67 |
| Aug. 9 | .... | Aug. 10 | 7.10 | Aug. 11 | 6.63 |
| Aug. 16 | .... | Aug. 17 | 7.07 | Aug. 18 | 6.67 |
| Aug. 23 | .... | Aug. 24 | 6.89 | Aug. 25 | 6.73 |
| Aug. 30 | .... | Aug. 31 | 6.65 | Sept. 1 | 6.61 |
| Sept. 6 | .... | Sept. 7 | 6.70 | Sept. 8 | 6.62 |
| Sept. 13 | .... | Sept. 14 | 6.69 | Sept. 15 | 6.72 |
| Sept. 20 | .... | Sept. 21 | 6.73 | Sept. 22 | 6.71 |
| Sept. 27 | .... | Sept. 28 | 6.71 | Sept. 29 | 6.66 |
| Oct. 4 | .... | Oct. 5 | 6.69 | Oct. 6 | 6.57 |
| Oct. 11 | .... | Oct. 12 | 6.64 | Oct. 13 | 6.57 |
| Oct. 18 | .... | Oct. 19 | 6.59 | Oct. 20 | 6.54 |
| Oct. 25 | .... | Oct. 26 | 6.71 | Oct. 27 | 6.49 |
| Nov. 1 | .... | Nov. 2 | 6.74 | Nov. 3 | 6.48 |
| Nov. 8 | .... | Nov. 9 | 6.80 | Nov. 10 | 6.50 |
| Nov. 15 | .... | Nov. 16 | 6.88 | Nov. 17 | 6.51 |
| Nov. 22 | .... | Nov. 23 | 6.85 | Nov. 24 | 6.53 |
| Nov. 29 | .... | Nov. 30 | 6.85 | Dec. 1 | 6.62 |
| Dec. 6 | .... | Dec. 7 | 6.83 | Dec. 8 | 6.65 |
| Dec. 13 | .... | Dec. 14 | 6.74 | Dec. 15 | 6.66 |
| Dec. 20 | .... | Dec. 21 | 6.75 | Dec. 22 | 6.72 |
| Dec. 27 | .... | Dec. 28 | 6.78 | Dec. 29 | 6.81 |
| Average | .... | | $7.50 | | $6.50 |

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

## Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

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| | June 1955 | May 1955 | Apr. 1955 | Mar. 1955 | Feb. 1955 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 270.87 | † | 275.66 | 274.82 | 280.08 |
| 2 | 271.28 | 272.61 | * | 274.55 | 280.26 |
| 3 | 270.68 | 272.84 | † | 274.79 | 280.47 |
| 4 | * | 273.80 | 274.46 | 274.11 | 280.10 |
| 5 | † | 273.56 | 274.06 | * | * |
| 6 | 270.81 | 273.39 | 274.56 | † | † |
| 7 | 271.66 | * | 275.48 | 272.90 | 278.86 |
| 8 | 271.97 | † | * | 273.33 | 278.73 |
| 9 | 272.15 | 273.51 | * | 274.26 | 278.58 |
| 10 | 272.64 | 273.34 | † | 275.15 | 278.47 |
| 11 | * | 272.98 | 275.41 | 275.36 | 278.65 |
| 12 | † | 273.34 | 275.26 | * | * |
| 13 | 273.25 | 273.36 | 275.41 | † | † |
| 14 | 273.45 | * | 275.49 | 274.66 | 277.72 |
| 15 | 273.30 | † | 274.86 | 274.56 | 277.46 |
| 16 | 273.89 | 272.98 | * | 275.62 | 277.69 |
| 17 | 273.65 | 272.83 | † | 275.98 | 277.58 |
| 18 | * | 273.22 | 274.36 | 275.46 | 277.73 |
| 19 | † | 273.25 | 275.11 | * | * |
| 20 | 273.11 | 271.68 | 275.16 | † | † |
| 21 | 273.35 | * | 275.40 | 275.49 | 277.05 |
| 22 | 273.05 | † | 275.47 | 275.88 | * |
| 23 | 272.29 | 272.10 | * | 276.20 | 276.26 |
| 24 | ..... | 271.74 | † | 276.40 | 276.26 |
| 25 | ..... | 271.98 | 275.09 | 275.84 | 275.36 |
| 26 | ..... | 271.32 | 274.31 | * | * |
| 27 | ..... | 271.37 | 273.06 | † | † |
| 28 | ..... | * | 272.62 | 276.01 | 274.35 |
| 29 | ..... | † | 272.80 | 276.76 | |
| 30 | ..... | * | * | 276.67 | |
| 31 | ..... | 270.84 | | 276.12 | |

(*) Holiday (†) Sunday

| | High | | Low | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1955 | 280.79 | Jan. 27 | 270.68 | June 3 |
| 1954 | 279.82 | Dec. 28 | 270.72 | June 30 |
| 1953 | 284.18 | July 23 | 274.04 | Oct. 8 |
| 1952 | 312.13 | Jan. 5 | 280.05 | Dec. 17 |
| 1951 | 329.66 | Feb. 17 | 297.23 | Sept. 10 |

# BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES

**May 1955 and 1954**

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

| | MAY 1955 | MAY 1954 | APRIL 1955 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **New England:** | | | |
| Boston, Mass. | $4,643,034 | $1,862,304 | $4,578,377 |
| Bridgeport, Conn. | 1,346,291 | 688,210 | 1,239,525 |
| Bristol, Conn. | 518,453 | 689,203 | 605,553 |
| Brockton, Mass. | 541,805 | 254,667 | 454,278 |
| Cambridge, Mass. | 367,910 | 194,942 | 1,169,924 |
| Chelsea, Mass. | 38,439 | 12,065 | 74,140 |
| Everett, Mass. | 78,580 | 111,995 | 1,881,558 |
| Fall River, Mass. | 68,845 | 165,774 | 525,170 |
| Fitchburg, Mass. | 323,515 | 111,590 | 350,615 |
| Greenwich, Conn. | 2,200,410 | 961,953 | 1,328,368 |
| Hartford, Conn. | 6,860,310 | 417,987 | 7,400,507 |
| Haverhill, Mass. | 503,590 | 85,360 | 139,235 |
| Holyoke, Mass. | 170,125 | 136,900 | 244,060 |
| Lawrence, Mass. | 213,503 | 107,800 | 322,460 |
| Lowell, Mass. | 251,915 | 80,865 | 274,595 |
| Lynn, Mass. | 354,730 | 250,935 | 306,759 |
| Manchester, N. H. | 590,682 | 340,239 | 1,899,027 |
| Medford, Mass. | 274,085 | 68,000 | 234,500 |
| New Bedford, Mass. | 251,842 | 87,430 | 250,200 |
| New Britain, Conn. | 690,050 | 474,700 | 449,750 |
| New Haven, Conn. | 646,199 | 422,846 | 875,428 |
| Newton, Mass. | 1,027,360 | 942,468 | 1,135,630 |
| Norwalk, Conn. | 1,556,012 | 892,605 | 1,520,688 |
| Portland, Me. | 338,047 | 294,935 | 428,195 |
| Providence, R. I. | 618,650 | 577,900 | 480,050 |
| Quincy, Mass. | 416,508 | 225,177 | 330,303 |
| Salem, Mass. | 97,745 | 216,399 | 176,660 |
| Somerville, Mass. | 56,525 | 133,510 | 234,925 |
| Springfield, Mass. | 1,785,490 | 1,830,218 | 1,814,400 |
| Stamford, Conn. | 4,378,166 | 1,063,000 | 1,891,388 |
| Waterbury, Conn. | 876,505 | 444,175 | 716,775 |
| West Hartford, Conn. | 1,596,110 | 2,168,193 | 1,013,919 |
| Worcester, Mass. | 1,264,955 | 1,881,975 | 772,607 |
| Total New England | $34,946,386 | $18,196,320 | $35,119,569 |
| **Middle Atlantic:** | | | |
| Manhattan (a) | $25,632,649 | $9,950,000 | $14,996,047 |
| Manhattan (†) | 8,106,550 | 4,165,260 | 2,138,550 |
| Bronx (a) | 4,022,500 | 2,831,200 | 2,022,900 |
| Bronx (†) | 527,200 | 308,925 | 273,005 |
| Brooklyn (a) | 10,654,200 | 1,985,950 | 12,196,280 |
| Brooklyn (†) | 3,174,145 | 1,445,045 | 2,014,075 |
| Queens (a) | 10,656,840 | 12,888,710 | 14,789,275 |
| Queens (†) | 1,075,640 | 482,855 | 753,157 |
| Richmond (a) | 1,766,650 | 1,125,650 | 627,525 |
| Richmond (†) | 166,260 | 189,915 | 129,050 |
| Total N. Y. City | $65,782,634 | $35,373,510 | $49,939,864 |
| (a) New Work. (†) Alterations. | | | |
| Albany, N. Y. | $3,830,712 | $1,463,615 | $1,009,196 |
| Allentown, Pa. | 1,178,180 | 545,645 | 743,440 |
| Altoona, Pa. | 165,167 | 265,229 | 140,654 |
| Atlantic City, N. J. | 237,160 | 214,576 | 126,131 |
| Auburn, N. Y. | 179,200 | 1,112,420 | 220,550 |
| Bayonne, N. J. | 118,927 | 74,025 | 88,520 |
| Binghamton, N. Y. | 445,864 | 249,364 | 259,315 |
| Buffalo, N. Y. | 1,876,309 | 1,440,400 | 1,406,758 |
| Camden, N. J. | 437,239 | 339,238 | 118,596 |
| East Orange, N. J. | 978,388 | 238,683 | 89,183 |
| Elizabeth, N. J. | 177,040 | 106,206 | 56,467 |
| Elmira, N. Y. | 256,726 | 97,535 | 63,775 |
| Erie, Pa. | 974,910 | 1,139,385 | 1,708,425 |
| Harrisburg, Pa. | 537,632 | 980,612 | 85,876 |
| Jamestown, N. Y. | 720,427 | 262,873 | 452,684 |
| Jersey City, N. J. | 439,825 | 630,500 | 344,644 |
| Lancaster, Pa. | 195,616 | 1,073,995 | 367,517 |
| Mount Vernon, N. Y. | 257,968 | 461,797 | 427,601 |
| Newark, N. J. | 570,475 | 628,675 | 529,572 |
| New Brunswick, N. J. | 252,000 | 193,050 | 111,123 |
| New Rochelle, N. Y. | 4,089,800 | 1,484,833 | 2,366,512 |
| Niagara Falls, N. Y. | 925,757 | 1,698,587 | 671,110 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. | 14,631,710 | 11,225,700 | 8,404,900 |
| Pittsburgh, Pa. | 3,056,047 | 3,699,557 | 2,736,344 |
| Poughkeepsie, N. Y. | 1,606,927 | 89,328 | 161,752 |
| Reading, Pa. | 446,432 | 344,819 | 335,695 |
| Rochester, N. Y. | 1,853,249 | 1,292,684 | 1,401,752 |
| Schenectady, N. Y. | 405,510 | 335,239 | 908,929 |
| Scranton, Pa. | 229,215 | 196,090 | 140,967 |
| Syracuse, N. Y. | 1,800,900 | 668,245 | 3,270,040 |
| Troy, N. Y. | 168,307 | 149,760 | 36,727 |
| Utica, N. Y. | 697,125 | 226,665 | 258,150 |
| Watertown, N. Y. | 138,455 | 123,529 | 114,224 |
| White Plains, N. Y. | 92,612 | 258,160 | 243,755 |
| Wilkes Barre, Pa. | 160,400 | 89,993 | 118,554 |
| Williamsport, Pa. | 189,439 | 292,060 | 147,349 |
| Wilmington, Dela. | 329,706 | 703,771 | 566,952 |
| Yonkers, N. Y. | 2,702,175 | 955,300 | 1,417,980 |
| York, Pa. | 248,280 | 846,921 | 156,317 |
| Total Middle Atl. | $113,384,445 | $71,572,574 | $81,747,900 |

| | MAY 1955 | MAY 1954 | APRIL 1955 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **South Atlantic:** | | | |
| Asheville, N. C. | $246,380 | $270,425 | $354,802 |
| Atlanta, Ga. | 6,253,622 | 4,443,834 | 5,257,219 |
| Augusta, Ga. | 289,564 | 292,248 | 1,187,491 |
| Baltimore, Md. | 19,255,908 | 5,281,152 | 9,337,482 |
| Charleston, S. C. | 507,404 | 131,348 | 236,338 |
| Charlotte, N. C. | 3,609,029 | 1,821,183 | 1,535,750 |
| Coral Gables, Fla. | 1,701,068 | 926,980 | 1,494,708 |
| Greensboro, N. C. | 1,009,319 | 641,256 | 982,125 |
| Greenville, S. C. | 1,101,598 | 279,175 | 820,350 |
| Jacksonville, Fla. | 1,258,854 | 2,626,159 | 1,874,307 |
| Lynchburg, Va. | 549,181 | 404,890 | 960,614 |
| Macon, Ga. | 184,840 | 390,015 | 247,626 |
| Miami, Fla. | 3,826,909 | 5,146,202 | 3,871,429 |
| Miami Beach, Fla. | 1,197,387 | 1,414,590 | 2,043,132 |
| Norfolk, Va. | 1,383,025 | 530,818 | 959,676 |
| Richmond, Va. | 2,446,657 | 4,774,854 | 2,466,223 |
| Roanoke, Va. | 980,510 | 705,157 | 1,265,184 |
| Savannah, Ga. | 389,121 | 249,500 | 305,160 |
| Tampa, Fla. | 5,267,321 | 4,057,161 | 4,613,540 |
| Washington, D. C. | 5,067,360 | 5,922,004 | 3,265,493 |
| Winston Salem, N. C. | 1,116,462 | 960,980 | 1,006,482 |
| Total So. Atlantic | $57,641,519 | $41,269,931 | $44,085,131 |
| **East Central:** | | | |
| Akron, Ohio | $3,066,986 | $2,680,948 | $3,546,320 |
| Bay City, Mich. | 982,139 | 463,693 | 430,940 |
| Berwyn, Ills. | 984,886 | 382,048 | 644,750 |
| Bluefield, W. Va. | 98,214 | 151,860 | 217,874 |
| Canton, Ohio | 960,620 | 554,445 | 426,670 |
| Chicago, Ills. | 27,640,100 | 29,653,150 | 23,277,400 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 4,314,840 | 3,200,090 | 3,415,740 |
| Clarksburg, W. Va. | 185,151 | 108,343 | 181,118 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 10,252,000 | 8,395,800 | 4,707,300 |
| Columbus, Ohio | 5,497,235 | 3,377,750 | 3,304,695 |
| Dayton, Ohio | 2,423,670 | 2,159,849 | 5,580,420 |
| Detroit, Mich. | 11,101,902 | 13,920,010 | 9,333,534 |
| East St. Louis, Ills. | 182,817 | 183,810 | 230,450 |
| Evanston, Ills. | 1,565,343 | 2,220,050 | 1,731,471 |
| Evansville, Ind. | 429,071 | 1,218,025 | 421,299 |
| Flint, Mich. | 2,693,150 | 1,778,720 | 4,709,755 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 861,416 | 902,017 | 1,424,205 |
| Gary, Ind. | 1,998,079 | 1,474,687 | 1,756,664 |
| Grand Rapids, Mich. | 2,244,695 | 1,077,810 | 848,085 |
| Green Bay, Wisc. | 1,069,843 | 2,390,498 | 815,750 |
| Hammond, Ind. | 1,386,935 | 1,335,859 | 1,633,095 |
| Huntington, W. Va. | 529,355 | 438,251 | 440,923 |
| Indianapolis, Ind. | 3,192,653 | 5,506,172 | 2,715,000 |
| Lansing, Mich. | 1,241,570 | 552,860 | 1,084,583 |
| Lima, Ohio | 265,500 | 279,240 | 232,375 |
| Louisville, Ky. | 2,162,942 | 3,696,653 | 2,291,599 |
| Madison, Wisc. | 2,234,135 | 1,102,125 | 1,152,525 |
| Milwaukee, Wisc. | 9,115,674 | 6,446,639 | 8,263,691 |
| Newark, Ohio | 332,085 | 464,280 | 396,500 |
| Oak Park, Ills. | 875,145 | 301,019 | 293,410 |
| Peoria, Ills. | 615,709 | 1,710,456 | 622,010 |
| Pontiac, Mich. | 509,625 | 541,699 | 997,519 |
| Quincy, Ills. | 284,965 | 310,821 | 605,476 |
| Racine, Wisc. | 1,200,660 | 802,869 | 1,053,083 |
| Rockford, Ills. | 1,546,075 | 1,120,675 | 2,694,500 |
| Saginaw, Mich. | 1,038,584 | 1,319,282 | 483,188 |
| South Bend, Ind. | 1,686,354 | 874,316 | 1,515,352 |
| Springfield, Ills. | 423,698 | 316,554 | 625,397 |
| Springfield, Ohio | 53,600 | 237,100 | 1,308,350 |
| Superior, Wisc. | 163,804 | 260,275 | 105,382 |
| Terre Haute, Ind. | 1,096,106 | 495,639 | 47,895 |
| Toledo, Ohio | 1,739,220 | 1,210,575 | 4,085,284 |
| Waukegan, Ills. | 919,066 | 4,600,183 | 559,225 |
| Wheeling, W. Va. | 4,517,300 | 278,900 | 497,200 |
| Youngstown, Ohio | 1,244,792 | 1,586,000 | 1,497,279 |
| Zanesville, Ohio | 59,137 | 30,975 | 46,400 |
| Total East Central | $116,977,846 | $112,113,620 | $102,254,681 |
| **South Central:** | | | |
| Abilene, Texas | $1,367,757 | $616,525 | $1,784,265 |
| Amarillo, Texas | 2,427,387 | 1,414,048 | 1,840,645 |
| Austin, Texas | 4,247,868 | 3,546,837 | 3,684,763 |
| Beaumont, Texas | 833,474 | 486,773 | 1,233,438 |
| Birmingham, Ala. | 2,974,670 | 2,002,192 | 3,181,834 |
| Chattanooga, Tenn. | 575,932 | 1,868,975 | 989,982 |
| Dallas, Texas | 12,927,253 | 10,726,817 | 13,062,351 |
| El Paso, Texas | 2,731,422 | 2,237,106 | 3,788,045 |
| Fort Smith, Ark. | 472,373 | 457,650 | 426,671 |
| Fort Worth, Texas | 4,189,733 | 3,308,246 | 6,011,083 |
| Galveston, Texas | 324,403 | 366,945 | 334,750 |
| Houston, Texas | 17,829,487 | 11,772,836 | 16,074,989 |
| Jackson, Miss. | 1,374,118 | 806,809 | 918,459 |
| Knoxville, Tenn. | 806,464 | 417,414 | 737,813 |
| Little Rock, Ark. | 981,139 | 1,168,420 | 1,243,178 |
| Memphis, Tenn. | 4,219,822 | 3,363,098 | 4,256,589 |
| Mobile, Ala. | 1,604,415 | 743,345 | 1,803,044 |

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## BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

**May 1955 and 1954**

| | MAY 1955 | MAY 1954 | APRIL 1955 |
|---|---|---|---|
| So. Cent. (Cont'd) | | | |
| Montgomery, Ala. | $1,328,053 | $2,058,200 | $1,275,540 |
| Muskogee, Okla. | 104,020 | 203,358 | 151,100 |
| Nashville, Tenn. | 1,044,765 | 756,675 | 1,241,698 |
| New Orleans, La. | 6,740,581 | 3,552,955 | 4,492,966 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla. | 4,627,270 | 3,554,422 | 5,992,105 |
| Port Arthur, Texas | 362,694 | 311,549 | 208,683 |
| San Angelo, Texas | 632,128 | 390,998 | 458,094 |
| San Antonio, Texas | 5,340,121 | 3,550,848 | 5,048,681 |
| Shreveport, La. | 1,920,367 | 1,706,003 | 8,461,541 |
| Tulsa, Okla. | 1,939,410 | 1,388,050 | 4,018,212 |
| Waco, Texas | 832,062 | 850,921 | 1,099,940 |
| Wichita Falls, Texas | 1,095,667 | 605,082 | 1,344,364 |
| Total So. Central | $85,854,855 | $64,233,097 | $95,164,823 |
| West Central: | | | |
| Cedar Rapids, Iowa | $987,975 | $1,122,961 | $1,026,067 |
| Davenport, Iowa | 2,504,856 | 521,471 | 1,469,218 |
| Des Moines, Iowa | 2,880,367 | 1,893,588 | 2,587,086 |
| Dubuque, Iowa | 405,333 | 243,627 | 410,075 |
| Duluth, Minn. | 1,411,670 | 450,472 | 520,855 |
| Fargo, N. D. | 1,232,007 | 717,092 | 1,698,055 |
| Kansas City, Kas. | 906,050 | 1,482,234 | 296,472 |
| Kansas City, Mo. | 5,322,000 | 5,063,000 | 6,070,000 |
| Lincoln, Neb. | 4,201,851 | 1,016,670 | 1,807,954 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 3,950,989 | 2,663,344 | 8,579,625 |
| Omaha, Neb. | 2,471,920 | 2,179,011 | 3,126,356 |
| St. Joseph, Mo. | 929,713 | 95,415 | 839,985 |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 3,745,114 | 1,744,710 | 5,946,255 |
| St. Paul, Minn. | 4,867,595 | 6,034,114 | 3,142,919 |
| Sioux City, Iowa | 683,875 | 408,141 | 444,250 |
| Sioux Falls, S. D. | 1,669,876 | 1,132,611 | 1,744,756 |
| Topeka, Kas. | 1,374,140 | 513,741 | 852,180 |
| Wichita, Kas. | 4,624,102 | 2,380,084 | 5,740,894 |
| Total West Central | $44,169,443 | $29,662,286 | $46,303,002 |

| | MAY 1955 | MAY 1954 | APRIL 1955 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mountain: | | | |
| Albuquerque, N. M. | $3,307,617 | $1,564,330 | $4,352,902 |
| Billings, Mont. | 2,350,850 | 2,131,500 | 535,600 |
| Boise, Idaho | 843,046 | 340,607 | 477,682 |
| Butte, Mont. | 229,133 | 175,677 | 66,544 |
| Colorado Springs, Col | 1,683,681 | 1,126,185 | 1,935,140 |
| Denver, Col. | 8,142,600 | 6,320,500 | 8,585,700 |
| Great Falls, Mont. | 664,323 | 553,750 | 911,543 |
| Ogden, Utah | 1,379,275 | 582,900 | 1,120,300 |
| Phoenix, Ariz. | 602,755 | 1,391,865 | 1,540,767 |
| Pueblo, Col. | 953,439 | 428,160 | 620,828 |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 1,574,549 | 1,601,675 | 2,219,307 |
| Tucson, Ariz. | 965,138 | 400,230 | 922,352 |
| Total Mountain | $22,696,406 | $16,617,379 | $23,288,665 |
| Pacific: | | | |
| Bakersfield, Cal. | $429,996 | $2,037,128 | $892,568 |
| Berkeley, Cal. | 940,189 | 773,960 | 1,315,486 |
| Beverly Hills, Cal. | 1,019,682 | 1,665,852 | 981,113 |
| Fresno, Cal. | 4,395,361 | 2,825,669 | 4,149,625 |
| Glendale, Cal. | 1,236,554 | 1,316,619 | 2,167,234 |
| Long Beach, Cal. | 6,865,975 | 3,497,370 | 9,493,925 |
| Los Angeles, Cal. | 33,948,451 | 34,740,705 | 35,386,162 |
| Oakland, Cal. | 3,154,272 | 1,663,146 | 2,493,976 |
| Pasadena, Cal. | 2,188,843 | 1,584,194 | 1,766,772 |
| Portland, Ore. | 4,914,755 | 3,536,220 | 4,538,565 |
| Sacramento, Cal. | 2,768,423 | 1,361,709 | 2,296,318 |
| San Diego, Cal. | 6,535,232 | 7,331,134 | 6,125,265 |
| San Francisco, Cal. | 4,711,911 | 2,906,579 | 4,830,984 |
| San Jose, Cal. | 3,522,935 | 2,012,415 | 6,176,739 |
| Seattle, Wash. | 7,374,665 | 7,293,865 | 6,259,905 |
| Spokane, Wash. | 2,582,607 | 4,025,074 | 2,689,176 |
| Stockton, Cal. | 1,521,929 | 1,402,562 | 758,635 |
| Tacoma, Wash. | 1,544,957 | 1,376,011 | 886,810 |
| Total Pacific | $89,656,737 | $81,350,212 | $93,209,258 |
| Total 215 Cities | $565,327,637 | $435,015,419 | $521,173,029 |

## BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES

**5 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953**

| | 5 MONTHS 1955 | 5 MONTHS 1954 | 5 MONTHS 1953 |
|---|---|---|---|
| New England: | | | |
| Boston, Mass. | $17,209,269 | $10,248,258 | $11,179,733 |
| Bridgeport, Conn. | 4,626,151 | 2,063,165 | 6,151,558 |
| Bristol, Conn. | 2,036,990 | 2,140,353 | 1,101,826 |
| Brockton, Mass. | 3,004,513 | 2,669,249 | 2,565,209 |
| Cambridge, Mass. | 3,199,990 | 1,230,476 | 4,966,554 |
| Chelsea, Mass. | 184,175 | 140,621 | 258,201 |
| Everett, Mass. | 2,396,048 | 1,182,188 | 584,630 |
| Fall River, Mass. | 950,323 | 683,785 | 612,195 |
| Fitchburg, Mass. | 770,600 | 2,131,630 | 742,905 |
| Greenwich, Conn. | 5,940,728 | 6,324,840 | 4,379,935 |
| Hartford, Conn. | 24,091,747 | 4,094,969 | 5,850,807 |
| Haverhill, Mass. | 1,084,580 | 428,080 | 636,465 |
| Holyoke, Mass. | 1,166,535 | 652,725 | 824,720 |
| Lawrence, Mass. | 993,688 | 344,760 | 489,598 |
| Lowell, Mass. | 981,600 | 591,310 | 683,915 |
| Lynn, Mass. | 1,324,339 | 2,375,987 | 1,767,972 |
| Manchester, N. H. | 4,010,690 | 1,831,472 | 2,307,865 |
| Medford, Mass. | 1,002,435 | 917,450 | 1,460,100 |
| New Bedford, Mass. | 978,412 | 1,011,894 | 2,753,935 |
| New Britain, Conn. | 2,376,000 | 1,425,705 | 1,580,930 |
| New Haven, Conn. | 4,654,163 | 5,333,795 | 5,849,058 |
| Newton, Mass. | 3,564,690 | 4,130,601 | 3,022,192 |
| Norwalk, Conn. | 6,249,093 | 3,664,711 | 4,761,937 |
| Portland, Me. | 2,083,588 | 975,339 | 1,357,151 |
| Providence, R. I. | 3,409,600 | 1,831,300 | 2,892,900 |
| Quincy, Mass. | 1,836,466 | 2,201,394 | 1,605,832 |
| Salem, Mass. | 1,167,825 | 694,814 | 1,302,038 |
| Somerville, Mass. | 381,035 | 333,606 | 3,184,315 |
| Springfield, Mass. | 6,906,716 | 7,150,162 | 3,963,375 |
| Stamford, Conn. | 9,440,243 | 5,807,018 | 6,966,123 |
| Waterbury, Conn. | 3,486,284 | 2,333,675 | 3,309,975 |
| West Hartford, Conn. | 5,002,247 | 6,108,608 | 4,778,713 |
| Worcester, Mass. | 3,206,949 | 6,003,025 | 3,376,895 |
| Total New England | $129,717,712 | $89,056,965 | $97,269,557 |
| Middle Atlantic: | | | |
| Manhattan (*) | $104,107,635 | $95,039,275 | $46,183,863 |
| Manhattan (†) | 17,064,940 | 21,700,355 | 13,457,839 |
| Bronx (*) | 23,956,342 | 16,426,435 | 25,695,695 |
| Bronx (†) | 2,812,373 | 3,060,435 | 4,090,127 |
| Brooklyn (*) | 43,475,930 | 43,814,389 | 26,737,480 |
| Brooklyn (†) | 10,260,845 | 10,475,995 | 7,589,662 |
| Queens (*) | 59,824,468 | 70,922,862 | 64,401,855 |
| Queens (†) | 5,229,362 | 6,680,155 | 8,418,969 |
| Richmond (*) | 5,160,230 | 3,717,169 | 4,214,713 |
| Richmond (†) | 518,795 | 702,222 | 789,684 |
| Total New York City. (*) New Work. (†) Alterations. | $272,410,920 | $272,599,292 | $201,579,887 |
| Albany, N. Y. | $8,121,110 | $3,105,344 | $2,835,040 |
| Allentown, Pa. | 4,596,170 | 2,542,375 | 4,103,710 |
| Altoona, Pa. | 643,837 | 689,038 | 811,960 |
| Atlantic City, N. J. | 763,938 | 997,399 | 1,189,587 |

| | 5 MONTHS 1955 | 5 MONTHS 1954 | 5 MONTHS 1953 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Middle Atl. (Cont.) | | | |
| Auburn, N. Y. | $613,445 | $1,284,220 | $666,550 |
| Bayonne, N. J. | 1,312,207 | 545,499 | 1,032,615 |
| Binghamton, N. Y. | 1,227,799 | 1,047,270 | 2,294,908 |
| Buffalo, N. Y. | 8,152,508 | 5,518,247 | 6,864,124 |
| Camden, N. J. | 1,180,455 | 1,520,016 | 1,895,276 |
| East Orange, N. J. | 1,371,287 | 1,055,317 | 440,129 |
| Elizabeth, N. J. | 1,257,925 | 3,828,106 | 886,165 |
| Elmira, N. Y. | 781,295 | 1,772,152 | 570,548 |
| Erie, Pa. | 5,326,135 | 4,220,377 | 3,692,925 |
| Harrisburg, Pa. | 7,603,105 | 10,286,694 | 1,741,020 |
| Jamestown, N. Y. | 3,350,630 | 985,229 | 1,399,564 |
| Jersey City, N. J. | 3,663,049 | 1,454,025 | 4,303,387 |
| Lancaster, Pa. | 1,309,523 | 2,753,660 | 1,282,121 |
| Mount Vernon, N. Y. | 2,876,795 | 1,348,718 | 5,223,634 |
| Newark, N. J. | 3,124,449 | 12,927,207 | 3,249,840 |
| New Brunswick, N. J. | 4,467,458 | 815,327 | 759,475 |
| New Rochelle, N. Y. | 11,270,238 | 6,483,400 | 7,399,796 |
| Niagara Falls, N. Y. | 3,395,924 | 3,939,511 | 3,266,438 |
| Philadelphia, Pa. | 58,041,080 | 65,758,500 | 42,019,980 |
| Pittsburgh, Pa. | 22,499,278 | 14,543,607 | 11,518,072 |
| Poughkeepsie, N. Y. | 2,075,413 | 464,639 | 1,327,919 |
| Reading, Pa. | 2,392,596 | 2,015,259 | 1,706,198 |
| Rochester, N. Y. | 8,099,114 | 7,306,768 | 6,457,885 |
| Schenectady, N. Y. | 1,761,658 | 1,245,991 | 3,373,703 |
| Scranton, Pa. | 1,654,433 | 1,025,070 | 8,101,346 |
| Syracuse, N. Y. | 7,820,625 | 6,210,436 | 8,045,917 |
| Troy, N. Y. | 611,870 | 539,413 | 486,980 |
| Utica, N. Y. | 1,236,375 | 664,155 | 915,071 |
| Watertown, N. Y. | 374,769 | 291,339 | 2,320,083 |
| White Plains, N. Y. | 1,927,729 | 3,899,471 | 5,588,612 |
| Wilkes Barre, Pa. | 1,031,240 | 784,548 | 578,828 |
| Williamsport, Pa. | 692,445 | 648,033 | 601,692 |
| Wilmington, Dela. | 3,502,861 | 4,908,384 | 4,601,852 |
| Yonkers, N. Y. | 7,178,425 | 5,488,675 | 11,059,045 |
| York, Pa. | 802,659 | 1,373,084 | 901,179 |
| Total Middle Atl. | $470,522,772 | $458,885,795 | $367,095,061 |
| South Atlantic: | | | |
| Asheville, N. C. | $1,313,738 | $1,651,389 | $1,248,025 |
| Atlanta, Ga. | 34,089,578 | 23,679,934 | 27,764,498 |
| Augusta, Ga. | 3,073,329 | 1,841,005 | 12,676,166 |
| Baltimore, Md. | 52,315,058 | 28,473,402 | 34,709,352 |
| Charleston, S. C. | 1,282,615 | 993,052 | 3,337,804 |
| Charlotte, N. C. | 13,570,975 | 8,125,573 | 14,208,980 |
| Coral Gables, Fla. | 6,700,412 | 5,849,522 | 6,014,769 |
| Greensboro, N. C. | 4,627,424 | 4,868,676 | 5,574,638 |
| Greenville, S. C. | 3,376,746 | 3,044,820 | 2,743,317 |
| Jacksonville, Fla. | 7,267,733 | 27,171,690 | 9,410,478 |
| Lynchburg, Va. | 4,095,798 | 2,451,597 | 2,498,985 |
| Macon, Ga. | 1,122,125 | 1,891,372 | 2,264,821 |
| Miami, Fla. | 22,188,874 | 19,368,671 | 19,596,691 |
| Miami Beach, Fla. | 12,200,913 | 8,072,263 | 8,525,287 |
| Norfolk, Va. | 5,664,726 | 6,156,070 | 8,290,810 |

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# BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

**5 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953**

| | 5 MONTHS 1955 | 5 MONTHS 1954 | 5 MONTHS 1953 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **South Atl. (Cont.)** | | | |
| Richmond, Va. | $9,445,765 | $12,388,761 | $6,426,433 |
| Roanoke, Va. | 5,087,353 | 5,206,625 | 5,940,093 |
| Savannah, Ga. | 2,380,046 | 6,321,108 | 2,874,025 |
| Tampa, Fla. | 22,304,481 | 17,392,364 | 7,564,780 |
| Washington, D. C. | 28,462,620 | 26,458,832 | 29,396,647 |
| Winston Salem, N. C. | 5,015,612 | 5,900,842 | 3,411,476 |
| Total South Atl. | $245,585,921 | $217,307,570 | $214,480,075 |
| **East Central:** | | | |
| Akron, Ohio | $13,684,015 | $11,097,640 | $17,508,751 |
| Bay City, Mich. | 2,123,173 | 1,727,365 | 2,709,652 |
| Berwyn, Ills. | 2,864,854 | 1,929,639 | 1,231,279 |
| Bluefield, W. Va. | 733,809 | 463,180 | 529,475 |
| Canton, Ohio | 2,676,467 | 1,810,568 | 3,145,378 |
| Chicago, Ills. | 105,614,200 | 93,923,900 | 84,495,000 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 16,512,850 | 25,031,635 | 18,620,555 |
| Clarksburg, W. Va. | 858,389 | 1,316,510 | 1,274,615 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 29,595,300 | 27,954,900 | 39,594,600 |
| Columbus, Ohio | 15,866,940 | 13,679,560 | 21,213,120 |
| Dayton, Ohio | 14,078,723 | 8,378,277 | 8,657,698 |
| Detroit, Mich. | 55,641,160 | 50,899,916 | 90,973,780 |
| East St. Louis, Ills | 1,310,887 | 2,202,794 | 1,501,198 |
| Evanston, Ills. | 5,903,439 | 5,675,425 | 4,630,640 |
| Evansville, Ind. | 2,026,437 | 2,783,000 | 1,719,198 |
| Flint, Mich. | 12,183,825 | 11,840,620 | 8,355,930 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind. | 7,041,373 | 11,304,028 | 4,704,852 |
| Gary, Ind. | 6,815,794 | 10,505,055 | 9,801,412 |
| Grand Rapids, Mich. | 5,395,905 | 3,568,671 | 3,384,955 |
| Green Bay Wis. | 8,712,917 | 4,462,918 | 2,238,703 |
| Hammond, Ind. | 6,110,852 | 6,674,255 | 5,626,860 |
| Huntington, W. Va. | 2,021,226 | 1,932,275 | 2,055,988 |
| Indianapolis, Ind. | 11,065,259 | 16,380,225 | 9,285,391 |
| Lansing, Mich. | 8,541,098 | 3,563,813 | 10,202,962 |
| Lima, Ohio | 1,150,050 | 914,730 | 3,890,245 |
| Louisville, Ky. | 9,721,772 | 13,777,122 | 8,268,761 |
| Madison, Wis. | 5,903,164 | 3,905,613 | 3,606,115 |
| Milwaukee, Wis. | 40,375,279 | 38,351,175 | 30,097,977 |
| Newark, Ohio | 2,093,170 | 1,363,665 | 886,747 |
| Oak Park, Ills. | 1,830,793 | 753,964 | 2,126,180 |
| Peoria, Ills. | 4,554,320 | 3,472,129 | 4,823,721 |
| Pontiac, Mich. | 3,782,562 | 2,946,130 | 3,482,714 |
| Quincy, Ills. | 1,579,711 | 1,422,417 | 1,511,800 |
| Racine, Wis. | 5,911,023 | 3,865,790 | 3,061,471 |
| Rockford, Ills. | 8,427,785 | 6,893,650 | 5,197,985 |
| Saginaw, Mich. | 3,999,837 | 3,632,735 | 2,388,816 |
| South Bend, Ind. | 6,570,224 | 7,728,302 | 7,358,735 |
| Springfield, Ills. | 2,025,950 | 10,349,208 | 2,447,095 |
| Springfield, Ohio | 1,773,250 | 1,529,100 | 2,188,450 |
| Superior, Wis. | 312,016 | 891,952 | 450,727 |
| Terre Haute, Ind. | 1,844,452 | 2,271,840 | 652,064 |
| Toledo, Ohio | 8,610,454 | 6,265,391 | 11,143,440 |
| Waukegan, Ills. | 2,551,769 | 8,187,383 | 1,616,688 |
| Wheeling, W. Va. | 5,679,140 | 1,382,350 | 1,346,000 |
| Youngstown, Ohio | 5,235,524 | 4,202,199 | 5,786,837 |
| Zanesville, Ohio | 224,129 | 208,420 | 372,712 |
| Total East Central | $461,535,916 | $443,421,434 | $456,167,272 |
| **South Central:** | | | |
| Abilene, Texas | $8,074,954 | $4,565,166 | $3,436,485 |
| Amarillo, Texas | 11,677,263 | 7,460,818 | 9,970,307 |
| Austin, Texas | 18,390,816 | 16,882,913 | 13,776,109 |
| Beaumont, Texas | 4,191,756 | 3,990,813 | 3,365,549 |
| Birmingham, Ala. | 15,049,062 | 9,532,741 | 11,027,977 |
| Chattanooga, Tenn. | 3,235,376 | 4,997,055 | 3,659,079 |
| Dallas, Texas | 75,020,795 | 53,175,724 | 45,022,542 |
| El Paso, Texas | 16,075,241 | 8,669,751 | 12,131,453 |
| Fort Smith, Ark. | 1,826,052 | 1,892,669 | 1,970,330 |
| Fort Worth, Texas | 25,205,928 | 16,833,940 | 18,849,126 |
| Galveston, Texas | 1,263,722 | 3,123,200 | 3,498,029 |
| Houston, Texas | 70,529,654 | 61,043,321 | 51,132,342 |
| Jackson, Miss. | 6,516,166 | 4,337,240 | 12,803,629 |
| Knoxville, Tenn. | 4,368,086 | 2,793,140 | 3,323,630 |
| Little Rock, Ark. | 5,650,343 | 4,664,972 | 3,853,579 |
| Memphis, Tenn. | 20,838,239 | 19,053,963 | 23,959,446 |
| **South Cent. (Cont.)** | | | |
| Mobile, Ala. | $7,854,151 | $5,339,809 | $2,691,757 |
| Montgomery, Ala. | 6,678,624 | 6,823,865 | 4,657,556 |
| Muskogee, Okla. | 475,420 | 420,508 | 370,310 |
| Nashville, Tenn. | 6,214,301 | 3,770,301 | 5,441,503 |
| New Orleans, La. | 52,345,154 | 18,984,535 | 34,744,598 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla. | 22,379,182 | 22,755,200 | 26,379,496 |
| Port Arthur, Texas | 2,223,929 | 1,476,648 | 1,410,250 |
| San Angelo, Texas | 3,473,788 | 3,735,732 | 1,897,135 |
| San Antonio, Texas | 26,935,535 | 18,492,366 | 23,016,032 |
| Shreveport, La. | 16,272,693 | 8,529,444 | 10,623,065 |
| Tulsa, Okla. | 10,881,082 | 8,443,800 | 8,403,260 |
| Waco, Texas | 5,870,693 | 5,077,650 | 4,365,168 |
| Wichita Falls, Texas | 5,573,407 | 3,604,748 | 3,653,888 |
| Total South Cent. | $454,091,412 | $330,472,032 | $349,433,630 |
| **West Central:** | | | |
| Cedar Rapids, Iowa | $5,635,909 | $3,196,702 | $3,886,236 |
| Davenport, Iowa | 5,589,274 | 3,507,901 | 2,974,200 |
| Des Moines, Iowa | 13,926,108 | 9,304,242 | 13,231,398 |
| Dubuque, Iowa | 1,654,347 | 1,108,051 | 1,216,672 |
| Duluth, Minn. | 3,766,320 | 1,261,325 | 2,459,834 |
| Fargo, N. D. | 3,361,672 | 1,888,292 | 1,879,515 |
| Kansas City, Kas. | 4,455,618 | 4,468,558 | 2,069,025 |
| Kansas City, Mo. | 28,867,000 | 24,155,000 | 15,202,000 |
| Lincoln, Neb. | 9,629,735 | 5,411,453 | 3,382,695 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 18,360,543 | 11,448,800 | 12,148,814 |
| Omaha, Neb. | 9,829,462 | 8,632,560 | 6,828,861 |
| St. Joseph, Mo. | 3,352,345 | 601,865 | 1,154,300 |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 24,862,959 | 23,746,339 | 26,430,518 |
| St. Paul, Minn. | 14,517,798 | 16,585,141 | 15,858,134 |
| Sioux City, Iowa | 1,843,425 | 1,792,046 | 1,808,593 |
| Sioux Falls, S. D. | 4,616,174 | 2,971,912 | 1,393,052 |
| Topeka, Kas. | 3,970,974 | 4,649,282 | 4,576,315 |
| Wichita, Kas. | 23,997,935 | 14,821,456 | 14,148,340 |
| Total West Central | $182,237,598 | $139,550,925 | $130,648,502 |
| **Mountain:** | | | |
| Albuquerque, N. M. | $18,573,975 | $14,888,948 | $18,848,121 |
| Billings, Mont. | 4,363,600 | 5,362,420 | 2,762,000 |
| Boise, Idaho | 2,812,841 | 1,387,935 | 2,281,194 |
| Butte, Mont. | 419,561 | 391,359 | 154,370 |
| Colorado Springs, Col. | 9,263,576 | 4,027,293 | 3,142,129 |
| Denver, Col. | 44,972,200 | 32,317,105 | 38,589,960 |
| Great Falls, Mont. | 2,485,384 | 1,344,100 | 1,332,310 |
| Ogden, Utah | 4,979,775 | 2,608,100 | 3,688,654 |
| Phoenix, Ariz. | 7,637,428 | 9,253,624 | 6,748,354 |
| Pueblo, Col. | 5,218,158 | 3,055,975 | 3,757,956 |
| Salt Lake City, Ut. | 7,419,163 | 5,987,070 | 5,696,649 |
| Tucson, Ariz. | 5,015,589 | 3,703,712 | 2,896,502 |
| Total Mountain | $113,161,250 | $84,327,641 | $89,898,199 |
| **Pacific:** | | | |
| Bakersfield, Cal. | $4,796,979 | $10,790,341 | $6,471,903 |
| Berkeley, Cal. | 4,187,787 | 2,779,820 | 2,468,463 |
| Beverly Hills, Cal. | 4,435,609 | 5,130,149 | 2,766,426 |
| Fresno, Cal. | 14,529,255 | 9,374,857 | 7,458,023 |
| Glendale, Cal. | 6,169,524 | 6,363,137 | 7,153,791 |
| Long Beach, Cal. | 33,022,260 | 16,881,810 | 26,070,195 |
| Los Angeles, Cal. | 172,751,746 | 158,474,914 | 200,101,935 |
| Oakland, Cal. | 11,894,270 | 8,484,059 | 13,042,892 |
| Pasadena, Cal. | 8,110,076 | 6,401,349 | 4,976,335 |
| Portland, Ore. | 20,733,315 | 15,758,365 | 24,303,260 |
| Sacramento, Cal. | 12,092,107 | 8,243,867 | 19,715,867 |
| San Diego, Cal. | 35,908,947 | 36,063,781 | 36,504,477 |
| San Francisco, Cal. | 23,307,363 | 18,282,901 | 21,354,816 |
| San Jose, Cal. | 15,000,514 | 7,855,125 | 7,574,741 |
| Seattle, Wash. | 32,975,165 | 28,906,835 | 21,280,630 |
| Spokane, Wash. | 10,505,233 | 15,549,855 | 10,644,978 |
| Stockton, Cal. | 4,503,756 | 4,041,564 | 3,366,753 |
| Tacoma, Wash. | 6,442,170 | 6,502,165 | 6,514,698 |
| Total Pacific | $421,366,076 | $365,884,894 | $421,770,183 |
| Total 217 Cities | $2,478,218,657 | $2,128,907,256 | $2,126,762,479 |

## BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1953 TO DATE

| | TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES | | | NEW YORK CITY | | | OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 |
| Jan. | $406,628,525 | $345,352,829 | $312,280,681 | $49,423,105 | $32,068,684 | $28,765,075 | $357,205,420 | $313,284,145 | $283,515,606 |
| Feb. | 442,092,367 | 345,986,529 | 339,285,454 | 47,687,734 | 51,047,477 | 27,394,212 | 394,404,633 | 294,939,052 | 311,891,242 |
| Mar. | 542,997,099 | 512,663,611 | 471,778,751 | 59,577,583 | 99,045,726 | 42,546,378 | 483,419,516 | 413,617,885 | 429,232,373 |
| Apr. | 521,173,029 | 489,888,868 | 537,113,987 | 49,939,864 | 55,063,895 | 50,678,096 | 471,233,165 | 434,824,973 | 486,435,891 |
| May | 565,327,637 | 435,015,419 | 466,303,606 | 65,782,634 | 35,373,510 | 52,196,126 | 499,545,003 | 399,641,909 | 414,107,480 |
| June | ..... | 523,169,936 | 458,363,929 | ..... | 39,149,744 | 43,264,650 | ..... | 484,020,192 | 415,099,279 |
| July | ..... | 448,439,021 | 532,586,794 | ..... | 40,301,251 | 69,097,923 | ..... | 408,137,770 | 463,488,871 |
| Aug. | ..... | 459,157,830 | 423,354,317 | ..... | 30,841,192 | 38,704,044 | ..... | 428,316,638 | 384,650,273 |
| Sept. | ..... | 482,032,488 | 412,211,845 | ..... | 47,413,380 | 42,701,615 | ..... | 434,619,108 | 369,510,230 |
| Oct. | ..... | 463,728,026 | 428,717,360 | ..... | 30,760,116 | 56,692,401 | ..... | 432,967,910 | 372,024,959 |
| Nov. | ..... | 427,879,197 | 376,971,823 | ..... | 45,195,814 | 49,037,818 | ..... | 382,683,383 | 327,934,005 |
| Dec. | ..... | 408,940,808 | 377,077,647 | ..... | 40,309,360 | 55,856,712 | ..... | 368,631,448 | 321,280,935 |
| Total | ..... | $5,342,254,562 | $5,136,046,194 | ..... | $546,570,149 | $556,935,050 | ..... | $4,795,684,413 | $4,579,111,144 |

## NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

| | MAY 1955 | APR. 1955 | MAR. 1955 | MAY 1954 | FIVE MONTHS 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NEW ENGLAND** | | | | | | | | |
| Maine | 46 | 40 | 55 | 37 | 231 | 176 | 184 | 144 |
| New Hampshire | 44 | 45 | 48 | 35 | 190 | 170 | 166 | 115 |
| Vermont | 15 | 24 | 26 | 14 | 99 | 73 | 80 | 68 |
| Massachusetts | 328 | 354 | 305 | 270 | 1,675 | 1,493 | 1,441 | 1,180 |
| Connecticut | 158 | 207 | 255 | 154 | 999 | 766 | 773 | 666 |
| Rhode Island | 83 | 97 | 130 | 65 | 507 | 405 | 341 | 312 |
| Total New England | 674 | 767 | 819 | 575 | 3,701 | 3,083 | 2,985 | 2,485 |
| **MIDDLE ATLANTIC** | | | | | | | | |
| New York | 2,457 | 2,308 | 2,780 | 2,065 | 13,070 | 11,042 | 10,537 | 9,750 |
| New Jersey | 741 | 718 | 857 | 551 | 3,823 | 3,092 | 3,026 | 2,684 |
| Pennsylvania | 385 | 323 | 402 | 325 | 1,848 | 1,655 | 1,502 | 1,400 |
| Total Middle Atlantic | 3,583 | 3,349 | 4,039 | 2,941 | 18,741 | 15,789 | 15,065 | 13,834 |
| **EAST NORTH CENTRAL** | | | | | | | | |
| Ohio | 662 | 692 | 778 | 507 | 3,487 | 2,876 | 2,620 | 2,291 |
| Indiana | 163 | 187 | 253 | 121 | 940 | 735 | 745 | 538 |
| Illinois | 543 | 507 | 513 | 406 | 2,655 | 2,251 | 2,162 | 1,819 |
| Michigan | 294 | 377 | 441 | 294 | 2,012 | 1,683 | 1,422 | 927 |
| Wisconsin | 178 | 181 | 208 | 136 | 966 | 706 | 577 | 532 |
| Total East North Central | 1,840 | 1,944 | 2,193 | 1,464 | 10,060 | 8,251 | 7,526 | 6,107 |
| **WEST NORTH CENTRAL** | | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 182 | 161 | 167 | 118 | 840 | 655 | 566 | 422 |
| Iowa | 45 | 67 | 73 | 42 | 330 | 230 | 222 | 198 |
| Missouri | 208 | 224 | 253 | 139 | 1,130 | 833 | 855 | 698 |
| North Dakota | 20 | 16 | 19 | 9 | 98 | 76 | 110 | 64 |
| South Dakota | 25 | 32 | 23 | 19 | 129 | 96 | 109 | 51 |
| Nebraska | 52 | 43 | 48 | 47 | 267 | 217 | 153 | 151 |
| Kansas | 150 | 96 | 88 | 70 | 500 | 324 | 253 | 274 |
| Total West North Central | 682 | 639 | 671 | 444 | 3,294 | 2,431 | 2,268 | 1,858 |
| **SOUTH ATLANTIC** | | | | | | | | |
| Maryland | 263 | 201 | 274 | 161 | 1,209 | 922 | 912 | 791 |
| Delaware | 327 | 330 | 342 | 218 | 1,633 | 1,193 | 1,215 | 1,215 |
| Virginia | 182 | 157 | 156 | 123 | 849 | 689 | 700 | 579 |
| West Virginia | 53 | 54 | 48 | 50 | 285 | 309 | 268 | 216 |
| North Carolina | 152 | 138 | 160 | 107 | 776 | 589 | 623 | 539 |
| South Carolina | 49 | 71 | 84 | 52 | 351 | 297 | 281 | 265 |
| Georgia | 163 | 182 | 200 | 136 | 896 | 698 | 584 | 485 |
| Florida | 668 | 617 | 608 | 450 | 3,082 | 2,169 | 2,092 | 1,638 |
| Total South Atlantic | 1,857 | 1,750 | 1,872 | 1,297 | 9,081 | 6,866 | 6,675 | 5,728 |
| **EAST SOUTH CENTRAL** | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | 93 | 84 | 126 | 59 | 469 | 321 | 293 | 284 |
| Tennessee | 106 | 109 | 161 | 105 | 656 | 544 | 494 | 418 |
| Alabama | 112 | 68 | 106 | 62 | 456 | 298 | 321 | 257 |
| Mississippi | 51 | 58 | 54 | 42 | 267 | 207 | 175 | 197 |
| Total East South Central | 362 | 319 | 447 | 268 | 1,848 | 1,370 | 1,283 | 1,156 |
| **WEST SOUTH CENTRAL** | | | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | 47 | 50 | 49 | 29 | 246 | 166 | 229 | 229 |
| Oklahoma | 136 | 145 | 131 | 91 | 676 | 503 | 441 | 448 |
| Louisiana | 111 | 146 | 151 | 88 | 666 | 455 | 495 | 386 |
| Texas | 467 | 443 | 445 | 507 | 2,296 | 1,921 | 1,708 | 1,631 |
| Total West South Central | 761 | 784 | 776 | 715 | 3,884 | 3,045 | 2,873 | 2,694 |
| **MOUNTAIN** | | | | | | | | |
| Montana | 36 | 31 | 35 | 29 | 159 | 139 | 130 | 104 |
| Idaho | 41 | 47 | 36 | 25 | 194 | 144 | 144 | 131 |
| Wyoming | 22 | 33 | 34 | 18 | 139 | 100 | 80 | 66 |
| Colorado | 226 | 170 | 210 | 133 | 958 | 541 | 428 | 339 |
| New Mexico | 40 | 38 | 38 | 28 | 205 | 139 | 139 | 102 |
| Arizona | 107 | 93 | 131 | 79 | 541 | 423 | 343 | 351 |
| Utah | 61 | 62 | 76 | 58 | 326 | 227 | 182 | 147 |
| Nevada | 143 | 132 | 182 | 90 | 676 | 382 | 334 | 256 |
| Total Mountain | 676 | 606 | 742 | 460 | 3,198 | 2,095 | 1,780 | 1,496 |
| **PACIFIC** | | | | | | | | |
| Washington | 160 | 156 | 187 | 108 | 801 | 558 | 570 | 440 |
| Oregon | 120 | 102 | 115 | 73 | 544 | 330 | 398 | 325 |
| California | 1,314 | 1,340 | 1,556 | 935 | 6,600 | 4,324 | 4,122 | 3,473 |
| Total Pacific | 1,594 | 1,598 | 1,858 | 1,116 | 7,945 | 5,212 | 5,090 | 4,238 |
| TOTAL 48 STATES | 12,029 | 11,756 | 13,417 | 9,280 | 61,752 | 48,142 | 45,545 | 39,596 |

## NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—JULY 1945 TO DATE

| | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | 1951 | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 | 1947 | 1946 | 1945 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 13,181 | 9,543 | 9,468 | 8,357 | 8,515 | 9,070 | 7,906 | 11,000 | 12,112 | 13,006 | ..... |
| February | 11,369 | 8,533 | 7,943 | 7,138 | 6,590 | 7,736 | 6,362 | 7,873 | 9,111 | 10,554 | ..... |
| March | 13,417 | 10,514 | 9,659 | 7,902 | 7,649 | 9,180 | 7,637 | 9,346 | 10,247 | 12,225 | ..... |
| April | 11,756 | 10,272 | 9,507 | 8,284 | 7,653 | 8,375 | 7,273 | 9,223 | 9,802 | 12,469 | ..... |
| May | 12,029 | 9,280 | 8,968 | 7,915 | 7,544 | 9,216 | 7,445 | 8,246 | 9,179 | 12,044 | ..... |
| June | ..... | 9,748 | 8,926 | 7,819 | 6,810 | 8,861 | 7,260 | 8,550 | 8,922 | 11,402 | ..... |
| July | ..... | 9,409 | 8,703 | 7,549 | 6,428 | 7,191 | 6,424 | 7,690 | 9,041 | 11,987 | 4,213 |
| August | ..... | 9,041 | 7,487 | 7,088 | 6,496 | 7,201 | 6,828 | 6,723 | 8,055 | 10,400 | 4,578 |
| September | ..... | 9,256 | 7,433 | 7,529 | 5,950 | 6,277 | 6,867 | 6,930 | 8,561 | 9,551 | 4,826 |
| October | ..... | 9,852 | 8,267 | 8,223 | 6,812 | 6,782 | 6,877 | 6,686 | 9,609 | 10,799 | 7,027 |
| November | ..... | 9,735 | 7,269 | 6,741 | 6,289 | 6,256 | 6,755 | 6,413 | 7,873 | 8,485 | 7,120 |
| December | ..... | 11,981 | 8,915 | 8,274 | 6,913 | 6,780 | 7,857 | 7,421 | 10,126 | 9,994 | 8,350 |
| Total | ..... | 117,164 | 102,545 | 92,819 | 83,649 | 92,925 | 85,491 | 96,101 | 112,638 | 132,916 | ..... |

## United States Failures by States—May and 5 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

| | Number of Failures | | | | | | Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Month of May | | | Five Months | | | Month of May | | | Five Months | | |
| | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 |
| **New England:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maine | 3 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 20 | 16 | 65 | 19 | 227 | 563 | 884 | 1,705 |
| New Hampshire | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 8 | 15 | 9 | 8 | 813 | 216 | 209 |
| Vermont | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 184 | 10 | 56 |
| Massachusetts | 39 | 42 | 19 | 177 | 159 | 111 | 951 | 2,346 | 1,354 | 6,636 | 7,172 | 4,438 |
| Connecticut | 23 | 15 | 17 | 81 | 73 | 78 | 680 | 1,174 | 485 | 2,373 | 3,742 | 3,165 |
| Rhode Island | 9 | 8 | 2 | 42 | 43 | 37 | 1,660 | 256 | 18 | 2,783 | 1,262 | 1,184 |
| Total New England | 75 | 69 | 42 | 340 | 305 | 252 | 3,371 | 3,804 | 2,092 | 13,352 | 13,286 | 10,757 |
| **Middle Atlantic:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New York | 222 | 247 | 204 | 1,186 | 1,300 | 1,057 | 5,315 | 7,913 | 12,107 | 44,837 | 50,022 | 46,570 |
| New Jersey | 38 | 34 | 31 | 185 | 193 | 147 | 2,854 | 4,092 | 2,084 | 11,077 | 11,499 | 6,410 |
| Pennsylvania | 44 | 32 | 35 | 259 | 203 | 159 | 1,486 | 1,662 | 631 | 10,668 | 14,511 | 7,031 |
| Total Middle Atlantic | 304 | 313 | 270 | 1,630 | 1,696 | 1,363 | 9,655 | 13,667 | 14,822 | 66,582 | 76,032 | 60,011 |
| **East North Central:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ohio | 33 | 30 | 27 | 150 | 170 | 91 | 1,394 | 828 | 954 | 5,088 | 7,075 | 3,234 |
| Indiana | 14 | 12 | 4 | 47 | 63 | 22 | 280 | 254 | 95 | 2,650 | 2,111 | 570 |
| Illinois | 45 | 46 | 27 | 185 | 220 | 140 | 1,183 | 1,515 | 1,058 | 6,492 | 26,162 | 6,758 |
| Michigan | 14 | 17 | 7 | 95 | 81 | 38 | 389 | 829 | 239 | 7,595 | 3,581 | 1,426 |
| Wisconsin | 35 | 19 | 16 | 149 | 80 | 80 | 1,279 | 1,209 | 221 | 3,799 | 2,620 | 2,391 |
| Total East North Central | 141 | 124 | 81 | 626 | 614 | 371 | 4,525 | 4,635 | 2,567 | 25,624 | 41,549 | 14,379 |
| **West North Central:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 7 | 9 | 7 | 48 | 53 | 30 | 121 | 216 | 137 | 3,880 | 2,658 | 965 |
| Iowa | 5 | 5 | 6 | 18 | 19 | 31 | 71 | 222 | 279 | 729 | 1,445 | 2,130 |
| Missouri | 6 | 6 | .. | 34 | 43 | 22 | 229 | 203 | .. | 996 | 1,512 | 1,960 |
| North Dakota | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 103 | .. | .. | 126 |
| South Dakota | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 11 | 66 | 18 | 25 |
| Nebraska | .. | 2 | 2 | 8 | 18 | 7 | .. | 72 | 97 | 1,889 | 716 | 449 |
| Kansas | 3 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 22 | 12 | 90 | 46 | 45 | 657 | 566 | 251 |
| Total West North Central | 21 | 24 | 19 | 131 | 156 | 107 | 511 | 759 | 672 | 8,217 | 6,915 | 5,906 |
| **South Atlantic:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maryland | 13 | 16 | 12 | 71 | 87 | 40 | 840 | 235 | 222 | 2,575 | 1,812 | 1,699 |
| Delaware | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | .. | .. | 19 | 18 | 20 |
| District of Columbia | 3 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 30 | 11 | 199 | 2,337 | 111 | 6,422 | 3,673 | 368 |
| Virginia | 7 | 6 | 8 | 26 | 49 | 21 | 301 | 724 | 98 | 1,017 | 2,120 | 554 |
| West Virginia | 9 | 10 | 4 | 44 | 38 | 19 | 50 | 211 | 153 | 1,532 | 1,042 | 756 |
| North Carolina | 4 | 5 | 4 | 24 | 39 | 18 | 68 | 113 | 180 | 1,511 | 1,460 | 631 |
| South Carolina | 1 | 2 | .. | 23 | 19 | 7 | 19 | 7 | .. | 1,222 | 792 | 530 |
| Georgia | 12 | 9 | 9 | 58 | 70 | 61 | 236 | 280 | 391 | 2,297 | 2,208 | 2,008 |
| Florida | 23 | 33 | 22 | 103 | 117 | 76 | 1,362 | 844 | 637 | 5,474 | 4,296 | 3,308 |
| Total South Atlantic | 73 | 86 | 61 | 369 | 450 | 255 | 3,079 | 4,751 | 1,792 | 22,069 | 17,421 | 9,874 |
| **East South Central:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | 3 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 210 | 36 | 26 | 524 | 358 | 406 |
| Tennessee | 11 | 7 | 9 | 57 | 35 | 38 | 4,468 | 63 | 1,286 | 6,693 | 607 | 2,185 |
| Alabama | 5 | 8 | 6 | 31 | 30 | 27 | 192 | 119 | 279 | 1,186 | 706 | 1,064 |
| Mississippi | 4 | 8 | 1 | 27 | 34 | 19 | 47 | 270 | 18 | 728 | 1,591 | 954 |
| Total East South Central | 23 | 27 | 18 | 131 | 113 | 99 | 4,917 | 488 | 1,609 | 9,131 | 3,262 | 4,559 |
| **West South Central:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | 1 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 89 | 70 | 36 | 575 | 272 | 798 |
| Oklahoma | 3 | 4 | 1 | 22 | 23 | 13 | 78 | 66 | 31 | 703 | 762 | 535 |
| Louisiana | 6 | 9 | 7 | 36 | 43 | 35 | 70 | 990 | 205 | 1,725 | 2,495 | 734 |
| Texas | 13 | 26 | 12 | 71 | 102 | 67 | 624 | 1,027 | 2,463 | 3,129 | 6,342 | 6,379 |
| Total West South Central | 23 | 44 | 22 | 147 | 183 | 130 | 861 | 2,153 | 2,735 | 6,132 | 9,871 | 8,446 |
| **Mountain:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Montana | 2 | .. | .. | 7 | 3 | 1 | 9 | .. | .. | 144 | 15 | 8 |
| Idaho | .. | 4 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 9 | .. | 58 | 101 | 145 | 351 | 146 |
| Wyoming | 2 | .. | 1 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 188 | .. | 41 | 264 | 37 | 93 |
| Colorado | 3 | 4 | .. | 25 | 26 | 6 | 292 | 98 | .. | 910 | 1,181 | 259 |
| New Mexico | 1 | 2 | .. | 5 | 11 | 6 | 85 | 115 | .. | 215 | 413 | 638 |
| Arizona | 8 | 12 | 5 | 45 | 40 | 22 | 221 | 228 | 141 | 1,012 | 969 | 604 |
| Utah | .. | 5 | 4 | 18 | 21 | 18 | .. | 386 | 49 | 1,304 | 843 | 395 |
| Nevada | 3 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 4 | 79 | 326 | 8 | 301 | 702 | 74 |
| Total Mountain | 19 | 28 | 16 | 125 | 125 | 69 | 874 | 1,211 | 340 | 4,295 | 4,511 | 2,217 |
| **Pacific:** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington | 26 | 17 | 11 | 91 | 66 | 49 | 984 | 541 | 365 | 2,681 | 1,872 | 1,591 |
| Oregon | 14 | 12 | 6 | 45 | 55 | 23 | 368 | 652 | 202 | 1,020 | 3,387 | 755 |
| California | 236 | 199 | 151 | 1,077 | 1,050 | 749 | 5,569 | 5,833 | 5,593 | 32,716 | 37,546 | 23,478 |
| Total Pacific | 276 | 228 | 168 | 1,213 | 1,171 | 821 | 6,921 | 7,026 | 6,160 | 36,417 | 42,805 | 25,824 |
| Total United States | 955 | 943 | 697 | 4,712 | 4,813 | 3,467 | 34,714 | 38,494 | 32,789 | 191,819 | 215,652 | 141,973 |

## Canadian Failures by Provinces—May and 5 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

| | Number of Failures | | | | | | Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Month of May | | | Five Months | | | Month of May | | | Five Months | | |
| **Canada:** | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 |
| Newfoundland | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 2 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 196 | 56 | 151 |
| Prince Edward Island | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 39 | .. | .. |
| Nova Scotia | .. | 2 | .. | 4 | 11 | 3 | .. | 55 | .. | 426 | 320 | 168 |
| New Brunswick | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 57 | 16 | 23 | 102 | 199 | 26 |
| Quebec | 67 | 78 | 36 | 395 | 384 | 233 | 1,470 | 2,598 | 828 | 9,401 | 13,803 | 5,047 |
| Ontario | 41 | 35 | 17 | 177 | 155 | 75 | 1,639 | 1,356 | 313 | 5,671 | 9,805 | 1,886 |
| Manitoba | 2 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 16 | 18 | 32 | 157 | 74 | 1,164 | 1,357 | 288 |
| Saskatchewan | 2 | .. | .. | 12 | 6 | 3 | 136 | .. | .. | 731 | 175 | 61 |
| Alberta | .. | 4 | 3 | 5 | 19 | 13 | .. | 216 | 45 | 192 | 1,235 | 667 |
| British Columbia | 7 | 2 | 2 | 38 | 33 | 31 | 67 | 389 | 292 | 844 | 1,320 | 1,188 |
| Total Canada | 121 | 126 | 63 | 668 | 635 | 385 | 3,401 | 4,787 | 1,575 | 18,766 | 28,270 | 9,482 |

## Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—May and 5 Months 1955 and 1954

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

| | MAY 1955 | | | | FIVE MONTHS 1955 | | | | FIVE MONTHS 1954 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Per Cent | Current Liab. | Total Liab. | Number | Per Cent | Current Liab. | Total Liab. | Number | Per Cent | Current Liab. | Total Liab. |
| Mining & Manufacturing.... | 168 | 100.0 | 14,093 | 14,153 | 930 | 100.0 | 74.225 | 75,007 | 997 | 100.0 | 86,022 | 86,836 |
| Under $5,000..... | 16 | 9.5 | 47 | 47 | 70 | 7.5 | 209 | 209 | 76 | 7.6 | 223 | 223 |
| $5,000 to $25,000..... | 68 | 40.5 | 888 | 888 | 399 | 42.9 | 4,993 | 4,993 | 400 | 40.1 | 5,024 | 5,024 |
| $25,000 to $100,000..... | 58 | 34.5 | 2,836 | 2,836 | 318 | 34.2 | 15,894 | 15,894 | 347 | 34.8 | 16,748 | 16,748 |
| $100,000 to $1,000,000.. | 23 | 13.7 | 4,002 | 4,062 | 132 | 14.2 | 31,162 | 31,672 | 162 | 16.3 | 37,187 | 38,001 |
| $1,000,000 and Over..... | 3 | 1.8 | 6,320 | 6,320 | 11 | 1.2 | 21,967 | 22,239 | 12 | 1.2 | 26,840 | 26,840 |
| Wholesale Trade..... | 87 | 100.0 | 2,864 | 2,864 | 517 | 100.0 | 20,396 | 20,476 | 462 | 100.0 | 21,966 | 22,219 |
| Under $5,000..... | 4 | 4.6 | 11 | 11 | 43 | 8.3 | 126 | 126 | 46 | 10.0 | 143 | 143 |
| $5,000 to $25,000..... | 48 | 55.2 | 619 | 619 | 255 | 49.3 | 3,471 | 3,471 | 200 | 43.3 | 2,693 | 2,693 |
| $25,000 to $100,000..... | 31 | 35.6 | 1,411 | 1,411 | 180 | 34.8 | 8,194 | 8,194 | 168 | 36.4 | 8,276 | 8,276 |
| $100,000 to $1,000,000.. | 4 | 4.6 | 823 | 823 | 38 | 7.4 | 7,590 | 7,670 | 48 | 10.3 | 10,854 | 11,107 |
| $1,000,000 and Over..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 0.2 | 1,015 | 1,015 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Retail Trade..... | 499 | 100.0 | 10,874 | 10,940 | 2,371 | 100.0 | 52,186 | 52,992 | 2,445 | 100.0 | 70,205 | 70,999 |
| Under $5,000..... | 108 | 21.7 | 326 | 326 | 470 | 19.8 | 1,354 | 1,354 | 445 | 18.2 | 1,356 | 1,356 |
| $5,000 to $25,000..... | 277 | 55.5 | 3,430 | 3,430 | 1,340 | 56.5 | 16,003 | 16,003 | 1,412 | 57.7 | 16,820 | 16,820 |
| $25,000 to $100,000..... | 103 | 20.6 | 4,454 | 4,454 | 484 | 20.4 | 21,098 | 21,098 | 503 | 20.6 | 22,303 | 22,303 |
| $100,000 to $1,000,000.. | 11 | 2.2 | 2,664 | 2,730 | 77 | 3.3 | 13,731 | 14,537 | 83 | 3.4 | 14,670 | 15,464 |
| $1,000,000 and Over..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 0.1 | 15,056 | 15,056 |
| Construction..... | 121 | 100.0 | 4,885 | 4,885 | 535 | 100.0 | 32,471 | 32,606 | 541 | 100.0 | 21,869 | 21,912 |
| Under $5,000..... | 14 | 11.6 | 49 | 49 | 63 | 11.8 | 195 | 195 | 57 | 10.5 | 179 | 179 |
| $5,000 to $25,000..... | 56 | 46.3 | 754 | 754 | 240 | 44.9 | 3,297 | 3,297 | 244 | 45.1 | 3,156 | 3,156 |
| $25,000 to $100,000..... | 42 | 34.7 | 1,998 | 1,998 | 172 | 32.1 | 8,255 | 8,255 | 195 | 36.1 | 9,186 | 9,386 |
| $100,000 to $1,000,000.. | 9 | 7.4 | 2,084 | 2,084 | 56 | 10.5 | 10,671 | 10,806 | 45 | 8.3 | 9,148 | 9,191 |
| $1,000,000 and Over..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 0.7 | 10,053 | 10,053 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Commercial Service..... | 80 | 100.0 | 1,998 | 1,998 | 359 | 100.0 | 12,541 | 12,541 | 368 | 100.0 | 15,590 | 15,823 |
| Under $5,000..... | 21 | 26.3 | 52 | 52 | 78 | 21.7 | 216 | 216 | 70 | 19.0 | 201 | 201 |
| $5,000 to $25,000..... | 35 | 43.8 | 399 | 399 | 177 | 49.3 | 2,189 | 2,189 | 183 | 49.8 | 2,224 | 2,224 |
| $25,000 to $100,000..... | 19 | 23.7 | 835 | 835 | 83 | 23.1 | 3,893 | 3,893 | 88 | 23.9 | 4,099 | 4,099 |
| $100,000 to $1,000,000.. | 5 | 6.2 | 712 | 712 | 20 | 5.6 | 5,187 | 5,187 | 25 | 6.8 | 6,716 | 6,949 |
| $1,000,000 and Over..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 0.3 | 1,056 | 1,056 | 2 | 0.5 | 2,350 | 2,350 |
| Total United States..... | 955 | 100.0 | 34,714 | 34,840 | 4,712 | 100.0 | 191,819 | 193,622 | 4,813 | 100.0 | 215,652 | 217,789 |
| Under $5,000..... | 163 | 17.1 | 485 | 485 | 724 | 15.4 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 694 | 14.4 | 2,102 | 2,102 |
| $5,000 to $25,000..... | 484 | 50.7 | 6,090 | 6,090 | 2,411 | 51.2 | 29,953 | 29,953 | 2,439 | 50.7 | 29,917 | 29,917 |
| $25,000 to $100,000..... | 253 | 26.5 | 11,534 | 11,534 | 1,237 | 26.2 | 57,334 | 57,334 | 1,301 | 27.0 | 60,812 | 60,812 |
| $100,000 to $1,000,000.. | 52 | 5.4 | 10,285 | 10,411 | 323 | 6.8 | 68,341 | 69,872 | 363 | 7.6 | 78,575 | 80,712 |
| $1,000,000 and Over..... | 3 | 0.3 | 6,320 | 6,320 | 17 | 0.4 | 34,091 | 34,363 | 16 | 0.3 | 44,246 | 44,246 |

## Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry— May 1955

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

| Districts | Mining & Manufacturing | | Wholesale Trade | | Retail Trade | | Construction | | Commercial Service | | Total United States | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. | No. | Current Liab. |
| Boston.....(1)..... | 17 | 1,833 | 1 | 23 | 35 | 678 | 15 | 556 | .. | .. | 68 | 3,090 |
| New York.....(2)..... | 60 | 4,841 | 20 | 461 | 147 | 2,088 | 14 | 454 | 23 | 532 | 264 | 8,376 |
| Philadelphia.....(3)..... | 8 | 151 | 8 | 155 | 16 | 288 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 34 | 36 | 638 |
| Cleveland.....(4)..... | 5 | 769 | 3 | 198 | 25 | 686 | 6 | 580 | 6 | 87 | 45 | 2,320 |
| Richmond.....(5)..... | 4 | 723 | 2 | 25 | 25 | 631 | 5 | 96 | 1 | 3 | 37 | 1,478 |
| Atlanta.....(6)..... | 4 | 142 | 7 | 226 | 32 | 1,378 | 8 | 258 | 1 | 20 | 52 | 2,024 |
| Chicago.....(7)..... | 13 | 410 | 12 | 348 | 68 | 1,504 | 8 | 756 | 8 | 148 | 109 | 3,166 |
| St. Louis.....(8)..... | 4 | 3,586 | 2 | 73 | 8 | 1,009 | .. | .. | 1 | 8 | 15 | 4,676 |
| Minneapolis.....(9)..... | 1 | 10 | .. | .. | 8 | 95 | 1 | 28 | .. | .. | 10 | 133 |
| Kansas City.....(10)..... | 3 | 287 | 4 | 423 | 8 | 163 | .. | .. | 1 | 46 | 16 | 919 |
| Dallas.....(11)..... | 1 | 112 | 3 | 53 | 7 | 225 | 6 | 326 | 1 | 12 | 18 | 728 |
| San Francisco....(12)..... | 48 | 1,229 | 25 | 879 | 120 | 2,129 | 57 | 1,821 | 35 | 1,108 | 285 | 7,166 |
| Total United States..... | 168 | 14,093 | 87 | 2,864 | 499 | 10,874 | 121 | 4,885 | 80 | 1,998 | 955 | 34,714 |

## Dun's Failure Index

*(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)*

| | Unadjusted Index | | | | Adjusted Index(a) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 |
| January..... | 42.9 | 39.4 | 28.2 | 29.7 | 40.9 | 36.8 | 26.4 | 27.8 |
| February..... | 45.6 | 47.9 | 35.6 | 31.0 | 38.6 | 40.9 | 30.4 | 26.3 |
| March..... | 44.0 | 46.7 | 32.2 | 31.6 | 41.1 | 43.6 | 29.8 | 29.5 |
| April..... | 39.7 | 42.9 | 30.3 | 34.4 | 36.8 | 39.7 | 28.1 | 31.6 |
| May..... | 43.7 | 43.1 | 31.5 | 28.1 | 41.6 | 41.0 | 30.0 | 26.5 |
| June..... | .... | 42.5 | 35.4 | 30.7 | .... | 42.9 | 35.8 | 31.0 |
| July..... | .... | 37.6 | 31.3 | 25.4 | .... | 40.4 | 33.7 | 27.3 |
| August..... | .... | 40.1 | 30.3 | 25.9 | .... | 44.1 | 33.7 | 29.1 |
| September..... | .... | 37.5 | 30.7 | 24.5 | .... | 44.1 | 36.1 | 28.8 |
| October..... | .... | 39.9 | 36.2 | 27.4 | ... | 42.4 | 38.9 | 29.8 |
| November..... | .... | 46.4 | 41.7 | 30.3 | .... | 46.4 | 41.7 | 30.3 |
| December..... | .... | 40.3 | 35.3 | 25.3 | .... | 42.9 | 37.2 | 26.6 |
| Mo. Average... | 43.2 | 42.0 | 33.2 | 28.7 | .... | .... | .... | .... |

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

## DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the Failure Record, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

## Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1953 to Date

| | Total Number | Mining & Mfg. | % of Total | Wholesale Trade | % of Total | Retail Trade | % of Total | Con-struction | % of Total | Commercial Service | % of Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1953** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 647 | 130 | 20.0 | 66 | 10.2 | 334 | 51.6 | 78 | 12.0 | 39 | 6.2 |
| February | 691 | 132 | 19.1 | 76 | 11.0 | 348 | 50.4 | 86 | 12.4 | 49 | 7.1 |
| March | 739 | 154 | 20.8 | 76 | 10.3 | 361 | 48.9 | 85 | 11.5 | 63 | 8.5 |
| April | 693 | 140 | 20.2 | 75 | 10.8 | 344 | 49.7 | 86 | 12.4 | 48 | 6.9 |
| May | 697 | 143 | 20.5 | 74 | 10.6 | 344 | 49.4 | 70 | 10.0 | 66 | 9.5 |
| June | 817 | 145 | 17.7 | 80 | 9.8 | 419 | 51.3 | 99 | 12.1 | 74 | 9.1 |
| July | 724 | 164 | 22.7 | 73 | 10.1 | 380 | 52.5 | 64 | 8.8 | 43 | 5.9 |
| August | 700 | 148 | 21.2 | 71 | 10.1 | 340 | 48.6 | 92 | 13.1 | 49 | 7.0 |
| September | 686 | 145 | 21.1 | 85 | 12.4 | 336 | 49.0 | 89 | 13.0 | 31 | 4.5 |
| October | 840 | 188 | 22.4 | 84 | 10.0 | 404 | 48.1 | 89 | 10.6 | 75 | 8.9 |
| November | 815 | 175 | 21.5 | 88 | 10.8 | 389 | 47.7 | 97 | 11.9 | 66 | 8.1 |
| December | 813 | 193 | 23.7 | 85 | 10.5 | 382 | 47.0 | 89 | 10.9 | 64 | 7.9 |
| Total Year | 8,862 | 1,857 | 21.0 | 933 | 10.5 | 4,381 | 49.4 | 1,024 | 11.6 | 667 | 7.5 |
| **1954** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 867 | 192 | 22.2 | 79 | 9.1 | 450 | 51.9 | 86 | 9.9 | 60 | 6.9 |
| February | 926 | 207 | 22.3 | 87 | 9.4 | 449 | 48.5 | 109 | 11.8 | 74 | 8.0 |
| March | 1,102 | 198 | 17.9 | 123 | 11.2 | 551 | 50.0 | 143 | 13.0 | 87 | 7.9 |
| April | 975 | 200 | 20.5 | 82 | 8.4 | 535 | 54.9 | 92 | 9.4 | 66 | 6.8 |
| May | 943 | 200 | 21.2 | 91 | 9.6 | 460 | 48.8 | 111 | 11.8 | 81 | 8.6 |
| June | 965 | 208 | 21.6 | 89 | 9.2 | 455 | 47.1 | 132 | 13.7 | 81 | 8.4 |
| July | 856 | 165 | 19.3 | 99 | 11.6 | 417 | 48.7 | 95 | 11.1 | 80 | 9.3 |
| August | 912 | 187 | 20.5 | 94 | 10.3 | 451 | 49.4 | 100 | 11.0 | 80 | 8.8 |
| September | 819 | 153 | 18.7 | 113 | 13.8 | 406 | 49.6 | 88 | 10.7 | 59 | 7.2 |
| October | 871 | 189 | 21.7 | 91 | 10.5 | 414 | 47.5 | 109 | 12.5 | 68 | 7.8 |
| November | 933 | 179 | 19.2 | 86 | 9.2 | 490 | 52.5 | 110 | 11.8 | 68 | 7.3 |
| December | 917 | 204 | 22.2 | 98 | 10.7 | 413 | 45.0 | 130 | 14.2 | 72 | 7.9 |
| Total Year | 11,086 | 2,282 | 20.6 | 1,132 | 10.2 | 5,491 | 49.5 | 1,305 | 11.8 | 876 | 7.9 |
| **1955** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 939 | 195 | 20.8 | 114 | 12.1 | 456 | 48.5 | 87 | 9.3 | 87 | 9.3 |
| February | 877 | 188 | 21.4 | 104 | 11.9 | 412 | 47.0 | 113 | 12.9 | 60 | 6.8 |
| March | 1,038 | 225 | 21.7 | 119 | 11.5 | 520 | 50.1 | 108 | 10.4 | 66 | 6.3 |
| April | 903 | 154 | 17.1 | 93 | 10.3 | 484 | 53.6 | 106 | 11.7 | 66 | 7.3 |
| May | 955 | 168 | 17.6 | 87 | 9.1 | 499 | 52.2 | 121 | 12.7 | 80 | 8.4 |
| June | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| July | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| August | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| September | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| October | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| November | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| December | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Total Year | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1953 to Date

| | Total Number | Under $5,000 | % of Total | $5,000 to $25,000 | % of Total | $25,000 to $100,000 | % of Total | $100,000 to $1,000,000 | % of Total | $1,000,000 and Over | % of Total |
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| **1953** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 647 | 102 | 15.8 | 332 | 51.3 | 170 | 26.3 | 43 | 6.6 | .. | .. |
| February | 691 | 124 | 18.0 | 349 | 50.5 | 159 | 23.0 | 56 | 8.1 | 3 | 0.4 |
| March | 739 | 118 | 16.0 | 371 | 50.2 | 185 | 25.0 | 62 | 8.4 | 3 | 0.4 |
| April | 693 | 104 | 15.0 | 351 | 50.6 | 173 | 25.0 | 65 | 9.4 | .. | .. |
| May | 697 | 129 | 18.5 | 323 | 46.3 | 184 | 26.4 | 57 | 8.2 | 4 | 0.6 |
| June | 817 | 139 | 17.0 | 395 | 48.3 | 233 | 28.5 | 47 | 5.8 | 3 | 0.4 |
| July | 724 | 113 | 15.6 | 332 | 45.9 | 206 | 28.5 | 68 | 9.3 | 5 | 0.7 |
| August | 700 | 102 | 14.6 | 350 | 50.0 | 187 | 26.7 | 58 | 8.3 | 3 | 0.4 |
| September | 686 | 90 | 13.1 | 321 | 46.8 | 199 | 29.0 | 75 | 10.9 | 1 | 0.2 |
| October | 840 | 132 | 15.7 | 412 | 49.1 | 222 | 26.4 | 68 | 8.1 | 6 | 0.7 |
| November | 815 | 112 | 13.7 | 406 | 49.7 | 228 | 28.0 | 67 | 8.2 | 3 | 0.4 |
| December | 813 | 118 | 14.5 | 376 | 46.2 | 229 | 28.2 | 82 | 10.1 | 8 | 1.0 |
| Total Year | 8,862 | 1,383 | 15.6 | 4,317 | 48.7 | 2,375 | 26.8 | 748 | 8.5 | 39 | 0.4 |
| **1954** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 867 | 134 | 15.5 | 427 | 49.2 | 249 | 28.7 | 55 | 6.3 | 2 | 0.3 |
| February | 926 | 119 | 12.8 | 458 | 49.5 | 271 | 29.3 | 73 | 7.9 | 5 | 0.5 |
| March | 1,102 | 144 | 13.1 | 558 | 50.6 | 296 | 26.9 | 102 | 9.2 | 2 | 0.2 |
| April | 975 | 148 | 15.2 | 514 | 52.7 | 242 | 24.8 | 67 | 6.9 | 4 | 0.4 |
| May | 943 | 149 | 15.8 | 482 | 51.1 | 243 | 25.8 | 66 | 7.0 | 3 | 0.3 |
| June | 965 | 119 | 12.3 | 497 | 51.5 | 268 | 27.8 | 78 | 8.1 | 3 | 0.3 |
| July | 856 | 123 | 14.4 | 457 | 53.4 | 208 | 24.3 | 68 | 7.9 | .. | .. |
| August | 912 | 138 | 15.1 | 472 | 51.8 | 232 | 25.4 | 70 | 7.7 | .. | .. |
| September | 819 | 121 | 14.8 | 400 | 48.8 | 231 | 28.2 | 63 | 7.7 | 4 | 0.5 |
| October | 871 | 150 | 17.2 | 447 | 51.3 | 220 | 25.3 | 53 | 6.1 | 1 | 0.1 |
| November | 933 | 143 | 15.3 | 491 | 52.6 | 236 | 25.3 | 60 | 6.5 | 3 | 0.3 |
| December | 917 | 152 | 16.6 | 437 | 47.6 | 250 | 27.3 | 74 | 8.1 | 4 | 0.4 |
| Total Year | 11,086 | 1,640 | 14.8 | 5,640 | 50.8 | 2,946 | 26.6 | 829 | 7.5 | 31 | 0.3 |
| **1955** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 939 | 133 | 14.2 | 484 | 51.5 | 256 | 27.3 | 62 | 6.6 | 4 | 0.4 |
| February | 877 | 108 | 12.3 | 453 | 51.7 | 242 | 27.6 | 70 | 8.0 | 4 | 0.4 |
| March | 1,038 | 161 | 15.5 | 521 | 50.2 | 270 | 26.0 | 83 | 8.0 | 3 | 0.3 |
| April | 903 | 159 | 17.6 | 469 | 52.0 | 216 | 23.9 | 56 | 6.2 | 3 | 0.3 |
| May | 955 | 163 | 17.1 | 484 | 50.7 | 253 | 26.5 | 52 | 5.4 | 3 | 0.3 |
| June | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| July | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| August | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| September | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| October | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| November | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| December | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Total Year | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |